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# SHIREBROOK ACADEMY NEWS

Dear parents, carers and friends of Shirebrook Academy,

It's hard to believe that we are now a full half-term into the school year and the year 7 students are embedded fully into Academy life and the year 10 students are facing up to the realities of their new GCSE courses.

As always the Academy is bustling with life with so many exciting initiatives and extra activities our young people can experience outside of the curriculum. Our co-curriculum, that being all the 'extra things' that happen outside of the classroom, is so important to us at Shirebrook Academy. It is the co-curriculum that enables us to offer the things we know will add value and character to the students, enabling them to develop a deeper understanding or passion for an activity or subject. Seeing students as role models and ambassadors at the recent Y5/6 parents evening, or as young leaders supporting sports events, or even the busy chess club that is growing in size (and talent) led by Miss Surr at lunchtimes, allows us as teachers to appreciate students personalities and strengths and engage with them in a different way to how we do in a classroom.

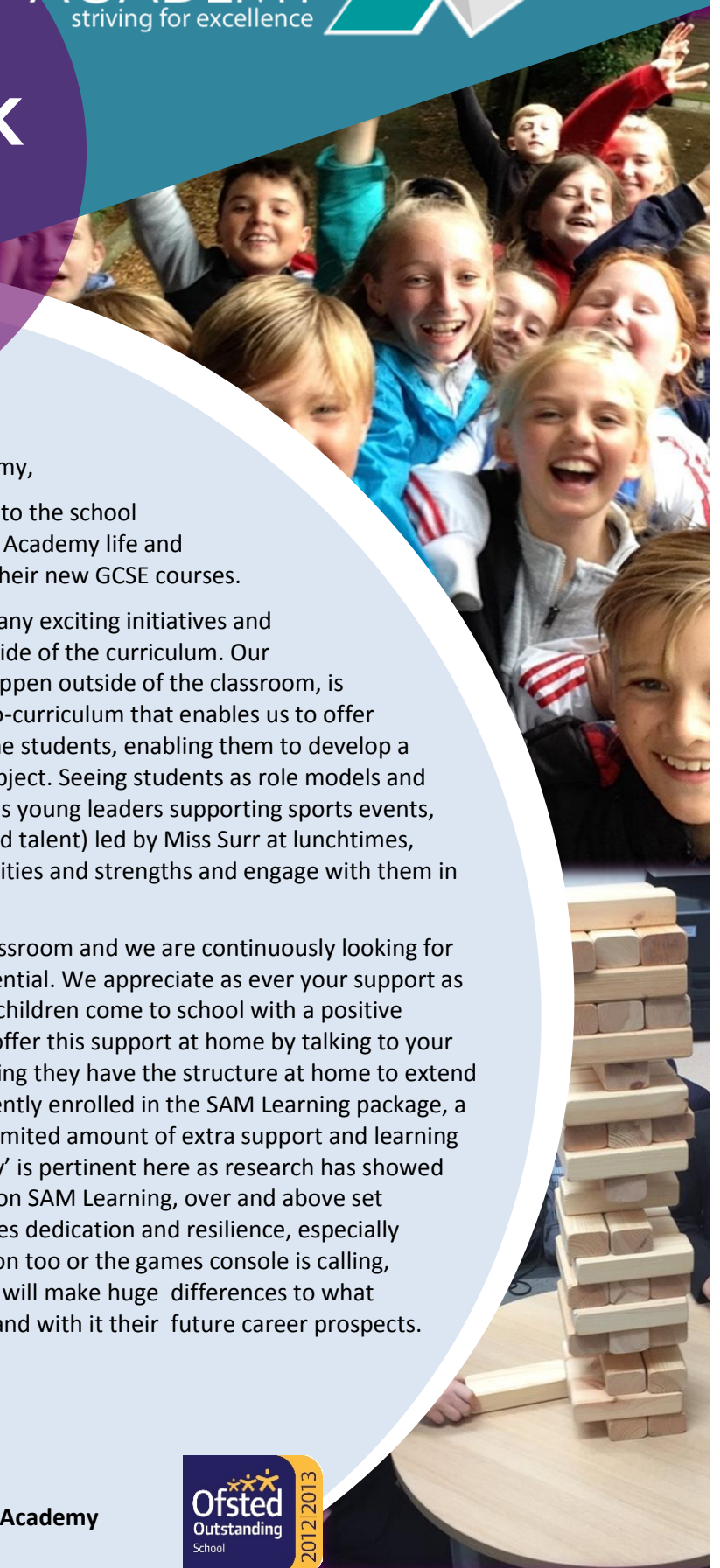
Our key focus however continues to lie within the classroom and we are continuously looking for ways to stretch our students to achieve their full potential. We appreciate as ever your support as parents in the role you provide in ensuring that your children come to school with a positive attitude and willingness to learn, please continue to offer this support at home by talking to your child about their classwork and homework and ensuring they have the structure at home to extend their learning. You will all be aware that we have recently enrolled in the SAM Learning package, a system that allows your child to access an almost unlimited amount of extra support and learning materials at home. The saying 'a little goes a long way' is pertinent here as research has showed that simply by doing an extra hour per week of work on SAM Learning, over and above set homework, can help to improve final grades. This takes dedication and resilience, especially when friends are wanting their attention too or the games console is calling, but with your support that little extra will make huge differences to what they leave us with at the end of Y11, and with it their future career prospects.

Thank you as ever.

Best wishes

*Andy Gilbert*

**Vice Principal - Shirebrook Academy**





the **Westfield** Health  
**BRITISH  
TRANSPLANT  
GAMES**  
North Lanarkshire 2017

Year 8 student, Kian Hatton who was once given a 20% chance of living by doctors has spoken of his pride after he was picked to represent Nottingham at the Westfield Health British Transplant Games.



Back in July, Kian travelled to North Lanarkshire, Scotland, where he competed in the bowling, archery, table tennis and throwing events after staff at Nottingham Children's Hospital (QMC) asked him if he was willing to represent the hospital at the Games. The event brought together 750 athletes, all of whom have received an organ transplant, and 2,000 spectators for four days of competition.

Kian agreed to compete and his family raised £850 – helped by a family friend, Hayley Fritchley, who took part in a 5k run – to help pay for the Nottingham group's costs as well as make a donation to the Kinder Appeal, which is the charitable fund supporting the work of the Children's Renal and Urology Unit, based at the Nottingham Children's Hospital.

Kian put his all into the games and returned victorious with two medals for bowling and throwing.

Mark Cottingham, principal at Shirebrook Academy, added: "We are all so proud of Kian. He has faced so many setbacks in his life but is always so positive and determined. He is a real role model for all of us".

*A massive well done and many congratulations to Kian from everyone at the Academy.*



# Chesterfield College

## OCTOBER TASTERS

### Monday 23 October

Skin Care  
Hairdressing Long Hair  
Halloween Hair and Make-up  
World of Travel and Tourism  
Bread Dough and Pizza Making  
Education Carousel of Activities  
Sport  
Photography  
Biomedical and Forensic Science  
Criminology and Law  
Crime Scene –  
the Role of a Police Officer  
What it's Like Being in the  
Uniformed Public Services?  
Introduction to Game Development  
Introduction to App Development

### Tuesday 24 October

Make an Advert or a Music Video  
PC Strip and Build  
Vehicle Body Repair  
Automotive Pit Stop Challenge  
Introduction to Careers in  
Health and Social Care  
Robot Building  
Robot Programming  
Introduction to Graphic Image Making

### Wednesday 25 October

Business  
Have a Go at Construction  
2D Animation Workshop  
Explore Acting through Techniques  
Jewellery Making Workshop  
2D Mixed Media Workshop

### Thursday 26 October

Introduction to 3D Modelling  
Fabrication and Welding

*Tasters are a great way of finding out more about college and the subject area of your choice. They also give you a great opportunity to see what college life is all about. You can attend as many Tasters as you like, all you need to do is book your place by contacting the engagement team. You will need to complete the parent/guardian consent form.*

#### For more information:

Send an email to...  
[engage@chesterfield.ac.uk](mailto:engage@chesterfield.ac.uk)  
or call the engagement team on  
**01246 500531/500644.**

# Y6 TRANSITION



The last two weeks of the summer term saw our new intake of students make the transition from Y6 to Y7. The programme enabled students to effectively start their secondary school journey early, meeting fellow classmates and embarking on various team building challenges to encourage and build new friendships in readiness for the new September term. Students spent time with their new form groups undertaking activities within the academy and at Lea Green activity centre.

## Setting of Homework and the use of SIMS Learning Gateway

As you will be aware we have recently trialled the use of the SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG) as a method of recording all homework. Thank you to all parents who engaged with this trial and shared your views through our Twitter survey.

The trial highlighted various issues with this being the only method of setting homework and as a result we have decided that with immediate effect all homework will be recorded by students in journals.

We will continue to use SLG in school and you will be able to access important information regarding your child's progress, behaviour, and attendance as well as make amendments to their personal information and access their reports via the system. If you require any help with logging in please contact the main reception at the Academy.

Thank you as ever for your support

# Y10 Work Experience

July saw the best year ever for Y10 work experience – students went as far afield as London and Guernsey and the feedback we have received from employers has been fantastic – On several occasions students were named ‘best placement we have ever had’ and a number of students have secured part time jobs. Thanks to all the employers near and far who offered placements, your support is really appreciated.



**Esme Frost**  
**Whaley Thorns**  
**Primary School**

“I have loved all of it, especially the trip and working with smaller children”

**Owen Wheatley**  
**Robinson and**  
**Sons Timber**

“Bowled over by his willingness to learn. As good as a full time worker”



**William Morgan**  
**Burrows Meat**  
**and Farm Shop**

“William has shown a real interest in the food industry, he will be invited to work at the shop part-time after the placement”

**Adam Hallyburton**  
**Woodhead Group**

“From day 1 he has been keen to get involved. A pleasure to work with”



Current Y10 students will receive lots of help with work experience from October onwards – we encourage students to develop their job seeking skills and make their own contacts with employers, but help is available in school if needed.

**Stevie-Jo Haynes**  
**Selston Equestrian Centre**

“Everyone has been so nice, I have learnt a lot about caring for horses”

**Dominic Kazus**  
**Chameleon School of Construction**

“He has done everything asked of him and worked hard – we have enjoyed having him”

**Finlay Fletcher-Atkins**  
**Bolsover Infant and Nursery School**

“Several teachers approached me to say how Finlay had done a brilliant job in the school”

Foundation Stage  
Welcome

**Julia Gralak**  
**Elite Hair and Beauty**

“She has good relationships with customers, very pleasant and always has a smile”

Please contact Tracy Horton or see us on Target Review Day for further information.

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**Bolsover**  
District Council

# SPORTS AWARDS 2017



The recent Bolsover District Council Sports Awards for 2017 gave Shirebrook Academy a reason to celebrate as several students were awarded for their achievements throughout the year.

The Secondary School Team of the Year award was a shared win for our very own Rowing Plus Team with a dance team from another school. Another joint award saw our School Sport Organising Committee scooping another win for Shirebrook.

U14 Sportsman of the Year Award was won by Shirebrook student, Ben Madeley for all his excellent achievements throughout the year.

Adding to Shirebrook's reasons to celebrate was Connor Davis, as he was crowned Sports Leader of the Year

To finish Shirebrook's celebrations, ex Year 11 student, Ryan Hopkinson won Junior Sportsman of the Year for his achievements in boxing.

In support of

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**WE RAISED**  
almost  
**£300**  
**THANK YOU**

### CAKE GLORIOUS CAKE!

Staff and students baked or brought in cake in preparation for our annual show of support for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Morning break was real treat as cakes galore were on sale and by lunchtime we had raised almost £300. A massive well done and many thanks to all.



**I'M A**

**BRAVE  
SHAVER**



An enormous thank you to everyone for supporting Tia including her friends and family who were there to watch her brave act.



### HAIR ALL ABOUT IT.

Quite a crowd gathered in the atrium to support Brave Tia Downs in Y7 as she braved the shave for Macmillan.

Tia's beautiful hair was chopped off and will be donated to the Little Princess Trust to support child cancer patients.

An enormous thank you must go to Paula from Paula's Barbers in Shirebrook.

**So far  
Tia has raised**  
**over**  
**£700**

# Sheffield bound...



Millennium Gallery



Post-16 foundation learning students took some time out to visit Sheffield. For some of these students it was a series of first experiences. First time on a train and tram, first time in an art gallery and first time in a restaurant. It was a fabulous day and the students were able to gather lots of evidence for their Btec and Asdan qualifications.

## ARTiculation



Y11 student, Giada Alfi was a finalist in the National under 16 ARTiculation competition earlier this year and we took a group of students to Leeds University to support her as she made her presentation. Dressed in fancy dress of the art style she had chosen, Giada presented with confidence and zest to a large lecture theatre full with students and teachers from other schools, student ambassadors from the University, a handful of lecturers involved in the courses, university organisers, and an group of about 30 art teachers along with adjudicator Kate Brindley of Chatsworth.

The day started with two lectures, 'Aesthetics of the Nineteenth Century' followed by 'Choosing Paintings- telling stories (in context of The Bronte family) – Giadas family also took their son Mickie (7VN) who made an impressive contribution to the Q&A parts of the lectures and was complimented for his enthusiasm by lecturer Abigail Harrison Moore who was running the day.

Giada's presentation was described as: 'very courageous, stunning and original' - the difficulty of her task (contemporary art styles of Manga versus manhwa- not too much written critical information available) was reliant on her ability to form discussion and her own original analysis, with some drama input.

Although there are not normally two finalists, the adjudicator Kate Brindley Director of Collections & Exhibitions, Chatsworth & Lismore Castle Arts decided that Giada's presentation merited a 'Runners up Award'



# Personal Development

## Y9 Industry Day

Y9 Students got the chance to experience a wide range of occupations on Industry Day, from Hospitality and Catering, Construction, Forensic Science, 3D printing, to Healthcare. Visiting providers from Rolls Royce, Nottingham University, the RAF and a range of local colleges and training providers brought some great activities and lots of careers advice and information. Thanks to all the organisations who helped to make the day so successful we hope to see you again next year!



## Y9 Industry Day Challenge

With Industry day came a challenge to all budding photographers to record some of the amazing things happening on the day.

### The rules were as follows:

- Use the cameras safely and sensibly •
- Take no more than 20 well considered photos •
- Upload your photos & print your favourite image for submission •

Top 3 images as voted for to be used in the school newsletter

*See images below and left by Abbie Fulleylove, Ellie Nussey and Olivia Brooks*

**Abbie Fulleylove**



**Ellie Nussey**



**Olivia Brooks**



# Shirebrook Academy UNIFORM



**Limited uniform  
is available to purchase from  
student reception, alternatively  
please visit our supply shop  
based in Mansfield.**

## SUPPLY SHOP

The Schoolwear Centre  
69A West Gate, Mansfield,  
Notts. NG18 1RU  
Tel: 01623 650782



## OPENING HOURS

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|-----------|-------|---|-------|
| Monday    | 09:00 | - | 17:00 |
| Tuesday   | 09:00 | - | 17:00 |
| Wednesday | 09:00 | - | 17:00 |
| Friday    | 09:00 | - | 17:00 |
| Saturday  | 09:00 | - | 17:00 |

# The YOUNG VOICE

In July a group of students attended Pleasley Vale Activity Centre for the day. They were rewarded for their hard work during the academic year. Activities included archery, orienteering, and canoeing. A great time was had by all.

The rewards are part of Bolsover District Council's Young Voice which meet 4 times per year with other secondary schools in the Bolsover area, to discuss projects they would like to see in their communities and to raise funds for their chosen charity

During the past year Shirebrook Academy and Stubbin Wood Special School have been raising funds for The Teenage Cancer Trust. We have had bake sales, sold wrist bands and spent a day bag packing at Tesco. It has been hard work but worth all the effort to support young people.

#### Names from left to right back row:

Jake Heywood Welch (Academy) Nathan Pidd, (Stubbin Wood), Karis Macdonald, Josh Browne (Academy), Kane Shelbourne, (Stubbin Wood)

**Front Row:** Zoe Maggs (Stubbin Wood), Cian Robinson (Academy)  
Raiden Digby (Stubbin wood).





**WEAR JEANS  
CHANGE LIVES.**  
FRI 22 SEPT

There are between 4,000 and 6,000 diagnosed genetic disorders.

It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder and therefore 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year.

Some genetic disorders are apparent at birth while others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, and sometimes into adulthood.

The monies raised on Jeans for Genes Day provide grants for day-to-day support, equipment, nursing and patient support services, and events which bring together affected children and their families.

Shirebrook students and staff united together to bring on the denim as we supported Jeans for Genes day.

It was a great success.

**WE RAISED  
£672.23**



# YEAR BOOKS!

Our Leavers' Yearbooks are about to go into production.

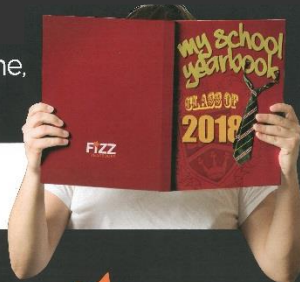
**Don't leave school without one!**

**You only have one chance to order yours. Only one print run will be done.**

To make sure that you get one, please speak to:



Mrs Alcock



**PLACE  
YOUR ORDER  
NOW!**

**FIZZ**  
YEARBOOKS

Sorry - after this date:

TBC

it's just too late!

## Shirebrook Academy

A community of inspiration, excellence and opportunities for all to grow  
11-16 Academy

### EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS / SUPPORT WORKERS

The Governors are seeking to extend the register of examination invigilators who are responsible for secure supervision and / or support for students in external examinations. Previous experience would be an advantage but not essential as training will be given.

Remuneration will be £9.48 per hour  
Hours – as and when required.

The application form and details for this post is on our website [www.shirebrookacademy.org](http://www.shirebrookacademy.org)  
Please complete and return the application form to:

Belinda Norman, Principal's PA,  
Shirebrook Academy, Common Lane,  
Shirebrook, Mansfield, Notts. NG20 8QF  
**Telephone: 01623 742722**  
**E-mail: [bnorman@shirebrookacademy.org](mailto:bnorman@shirebrookacademy.org)**



# The Chatsworth Festival



On Friday 22nd September, the Art department took 52 Y11 students to Chatsworth to see the fantastic exhibition of American sculpture called 'Beyond Limits'. The glorious weather allowed students to thoroughly explore the gardens and all were amazed at the beauty of this location. The day was also punctuated by an event called 'Art Out Loud' which saw world renowned artists giving talks about their works and thoughts on Art.

We were lucky enough to hear the sculptor Jed Novatt discuss his work and ideas, and classical musician Lizzie Ball perform 'Viva con Frida', a performance piece about the life of Frida Kahlo.

Four student's also took part in a drawing masterclass with Novatt and were truly delighted with the work they produced on the day. In all it was a fabulous visit, and one which I'm sure will stay long in their memories.



# Celebration of Success

Our annual awards evening is always a special time and a chance to celebrate the success of our many wonderful students. This year it was held at the Academy with guest speaker Andy Kershaw from BBC Radio Sheffield. Students and proud parents filled the sports hall to applaud the achievements of all our students. Awards were in abundance for both KS3 and KS4 students across the board.

## KS3 Principal's Award

From day one of Year 7 **Ben Madeley** has been polite, positive and helpful to others. He has represented the Academy at public events and spoken with impressive maturity and confidence. He excels in many areas of the curriculum but above all is unfailingly kind and respectful. A credit to the Academy and his family.



## KS4 The Governors' Award

This award went to **Chloe Stray** for her exceptional achievement and highest academic standards. With Grade 9 in Maths (top 2% in the country), 4A\*, a grade 8 and a grade 6, Chloe reaped the rewards of her efforts across five years at the Academy.



## Community Service Award

Students from KS3 and KS4 were nominated for this award for giving up their lunchtimes on a regular basis to help run our Plant Sale Stall. They portrayed confidence and maturity when dealing with staff, students and visitors who have purchased plants. They built upon their maths skills, adding up the total costs. They demonstrated their knowledge by being able to answer questions about the plants they were selling and communicated effectively in a positive and polite manner. A big well done and thank you to them all. The award was presented to **The Grow Team**.

## The ACET Award

**Trafford Kirby** exemplifies the attitudes and values of the Academy. He is always positive and determined, puts in hours of work out of lesson time and as a result makes excellent progress. He is always willing to volunteer and support the Academy in any way he can. He is a credit to his family.



As a former pupil of Shirebrook Academy, Pellacraft designer Laura Parsons, was invited back to school to help with a one-day, year 9, group exercise. Feeling inspired by her experience, Laura returned to the office wondering how she could develop a design competition into a more long-term exercise with additional learning outcomes.

Discussions with colleagues led to the idea that students could be asked to design more than 'just a logo,' and the opportunity to learn more about the process of design and how it can be applied. Laura approached the art department at Shirebrook Academy with the idea, and they loved it.

The competition was organised for Year 9 students as part of their final term project which involved studying people or places. Laura developed a brief where students had to 'Promote your favourite place' by creating and developing a brand that could go on promotional gifts supplied by Pellacraft.

Laura gave a presentation to 160 year 9 students and, with support from colleague Leigh Murcott, who is also a former pupil, they talked about a number of promotional products to help inspire the students to come up with their own unique creative concepts.

## The brief:

**Everyone has a favourite place that is special to them. It may hold special memories or it might simply be a place that makes you happy. We would like you to promote this place by creating a brand and choose promotional products that you think best promotes this brand.**

**We would like you to produce designs for at least three promotional items.**

**Don't be afraid to be creative and use a variety of techniques. Sketch, take photos, use digital technology and have fun!**

*You must show evidence of*

**Target Audience**

**Research and Inspiration**

**Timelines and time management**

### Since the Brief...

Motivated by the fact that the winner and three runners up would see their design applied to a series of promotional products, including a t-shirt and a certificate, the students really got engaged working on their ideas.

### ***And.....there was no stopping the students!***

The competition launched at the end of May and Pellacraft has received regular updates and photos documenting what's been happening - it's been exciting to see the students interpret the brief, and seeing their ideas come through and develop.

Students had worked really hard for 9 weeks before the competition closed and Laura, along with Pellacraft Director Sam Pella visited the Academy to review all submissions and pick the winning designer, and three runners-ups.



# Runners Up



**Chloe Millband**  
Favourite place: TUNISIA



**Sophie Buckingham**  
Favourite place: SPAIN



**Ilona Esanu**  
Favourite place:  
Northern Lights (NORWAY)



**WINNER**  
**Abbie Fulleylove**  
Favourite place:  
EGYPT



Judges' comments: "Abbie's designs really stood out for us. She has paid a great deal of attention to detail throughout the design process. She has created a brand which, by name, colour, shape and style are sensitive to her destination but also stand out and catch your attention. You know in an instant where her favourite place is.

Abbie has put in an incredible amount of effort and this has shone in her development throughout the project and her final designs. You can clearly see how her ideas have progressed and the experiments she has undertaken with different media has led to some vibrant and creative promotional items.

Applying her designs to an actual product shows the extent of her effort but also showcases her designs in a 'real life' way and gives you a great impression of how her brand would be applied. These items would definitely stand out in a crowd! It looks as though Abbie has enjoyed the brief and has

achieved a creative and professional body of work."



Judges were so impressed by Abbie's work, they have offered her a work experience placement in the Artwork department.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE  
KEY DATES THROUGHOUT  
THE ACADEMIC YEAR

# DIARY DATES

## OCTOBER 2017

20 Finish for Half Term

## NOVEMBER 2017

2-3 Harry Potter London trip

6-10 Humanities Week

22-26 Euro Space Belgium trip

## DECEMBER 2017

1 Personal development day

7 Target review day

8 Carols in the market place

12 Y9 Big event

15 Finish for Christmas break

## JANUARY 2018

3 Return to school

22 Languages week

30 Y11 Parents evening

## FEBRUARY 2018

6 Y9 male immunisations

13 Y10 Parents evening

16 Finish for Half Term

26 Return to school

Y11 Mock exams begin

Literacy week

## MARCH 2018

5 Careers week

6 Personal development day

Y9 Options evening

12-16 STEM week

22 Y11 Parents evening

23 Finish for Easter break

## APRIL 2018

8-11 Barcelona Residential

9 Return to school

Healthy week

24-27 Y9/Y8 Female immunisations

# Magical Music

After qualifying in March at the regional championships, our very own Mr Hand and Mrs Walters from the Music department recently represented the Midlands at the National Brass Band Championships at the Royal Albert Hall with Thoresby Colliery Band. A proud moment of musical success.

*A huge well done from everyone at the Academy.*



## 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*



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