

# BROADENING Minds ENRICHING Lives

Our fantastic year 11s leave us soon and after all the hard work leading up to the exams they can enjoy summer, safe in the knowledge that they have done their best. We will miss them and wish them well in the future. We love to hear from our ex-students and would encourage everyone to stay in touch through our alumni scheme, which is explained in this newsletter – there is even a financial incentive for joining for anyone who goes on to university.

As ever this latest newsletter is packed with news of trips abroad, sporting success and special themed events – this time Modern Foreign Languages Week and Mental Health Awareness Week.

In these times of stretched budgets and increasing pressure on all students to reach the highest academic standards it would be easy to cut back on these 'extras' and just focus on exam preparation.

However, I firmly believe that education is about much more than qualifications, as important as they are. That's why we continue to do all we can to ensure students benefit from experiences that broaden their minds and enrich their lives. A truly educated person is much more than a set of grades and you can see from our newsletters the richness of our provision.

Best wishes

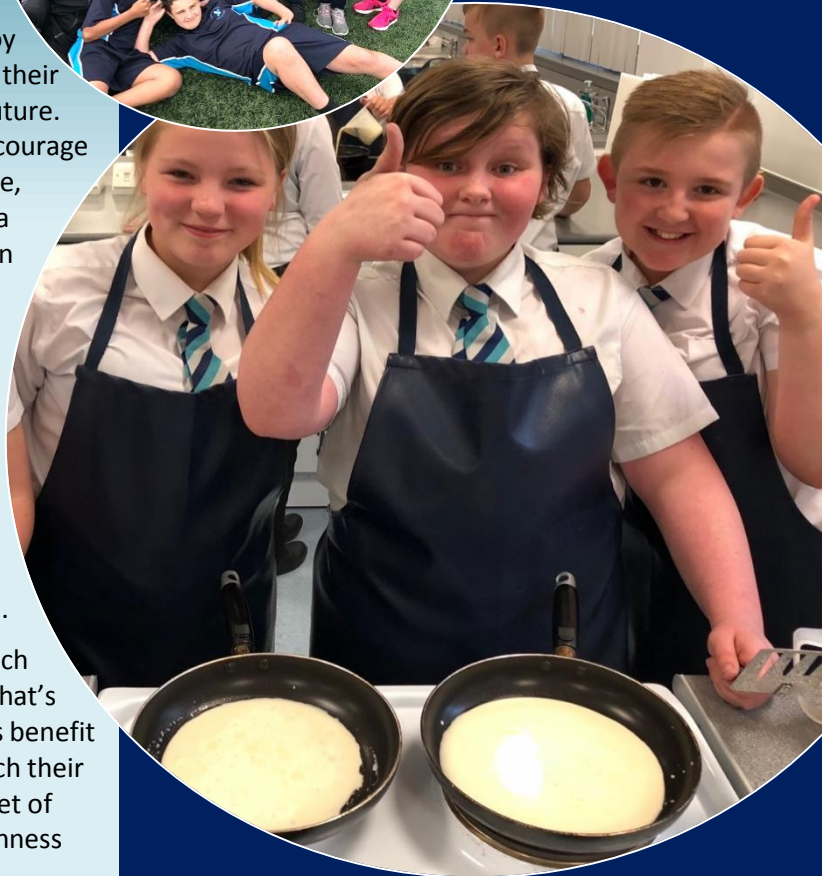
*Mark Cottingham*

*Principal - Shirebrook Academy*

# SHIREBROOK ACADEMY

## NEWS

May 2018



## DON'T FORGET...

SHIREBROOK  
ACADEMY

# FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 23rd JUNE  
11am - 3pm

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and join us for  
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# SENSORY Garden

Over the last few months Year 7 and 8 pupils have been working on a project with the Royal Horticultural Society to design a sensory garden for Shirebrook Park. They have worked hard in their teams and represented the academy extremely well. They have presented their models to a representative from the council who was very impressed and expressed a wish for other council members to see the presentations with a view to moving on this as soon as possible. This has been such a great project to be part of and students involved should be very proud of their work and the way they represented the academy.



*Students involved were:*

Jordan Hall, Josh Hutton, Brandon-Lee Wilford, Josh Tipple, Brendon Blake, Katie Barnes, Ebony Downes, Lewis Nussey, Layton Foyster

# SHIREBROOK ACADEMY ART DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



A series of mounted canvasses appeared around the academy along with supporting A3 preparatory studies. The self-portraits have been created in single lessons by the Y10 Art group and are inspired by the unique style of Frank Auerbach.

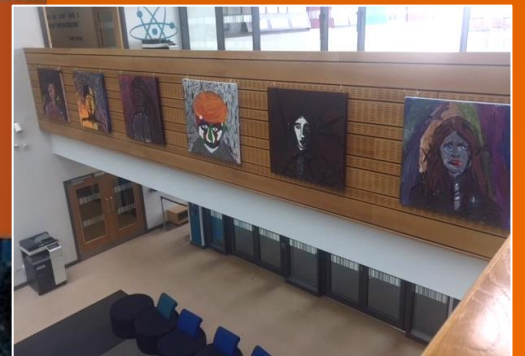


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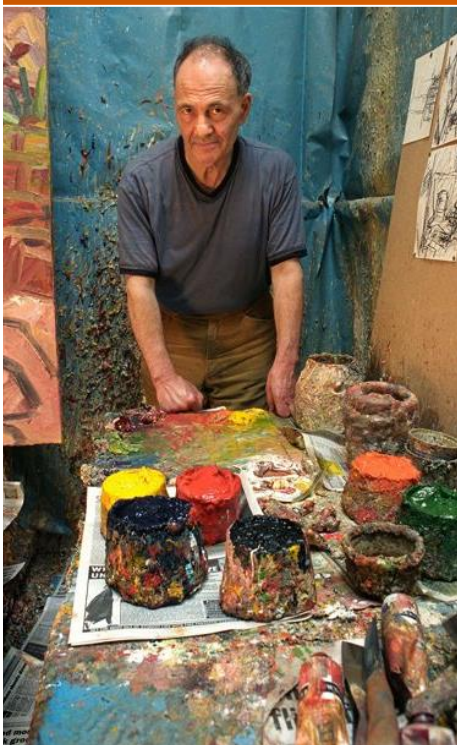
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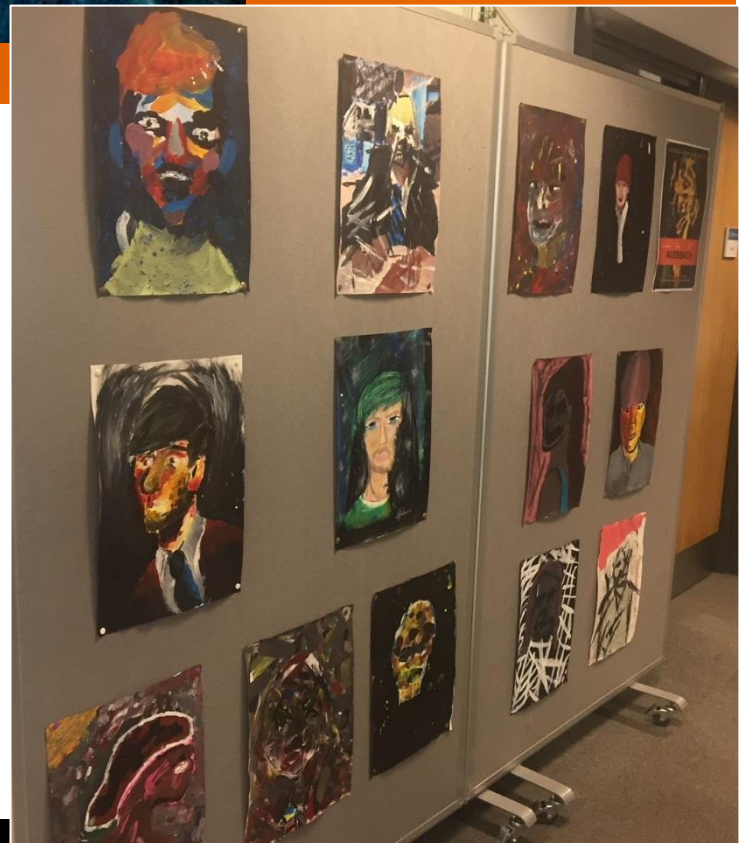
## AUERBACH



**Y10 works on canvas**  
I DESTROY THINGS EVERYDAY IN THE ACT OF WORKING



Frank Auerbach has been called "the country's greatest living artist" and a major retrospective of his work opened at Tate Britain in London recently. Auerbach - who is now 84 - could name painters Lucian Freud and Francis Bacon as his friends. Unlike them, his life has been austere and modest.

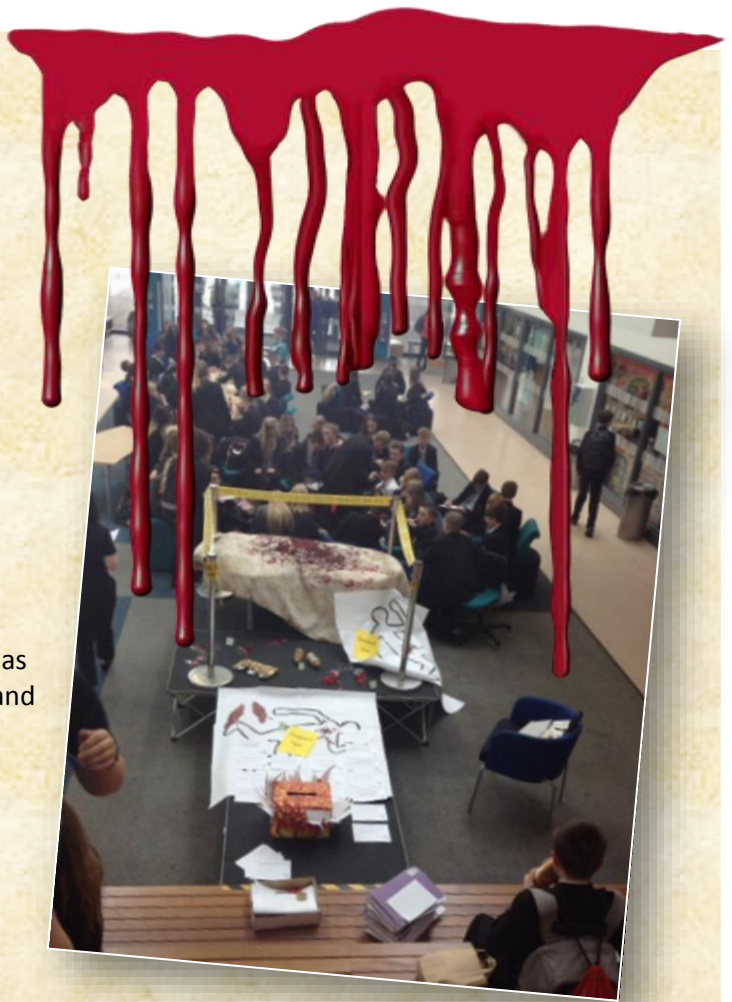


# Something Wicked

## This half term...

This half term the English Department celebrated Literacy Week with a dark twist: Shakespeare's Macbeth. To begin with, the Academy was transformed into the Globe Theatre as part of a lunchtime performance by the brave Mr Andrews and Miss Thompson.

In addition to this, the Academy received a royal guest: King Duncan of Scotland! However, nobody was safe as students described the murder scene that had been created in the lower atrium... the deed had been done!



Finally, the week reached a supernatural climax with the entrance of Banquo's ghost during lunchtime – Macbeth (played by Mr Andrews) could not control his surprise and anger and he most certainly could not stop the ghost from shaking his gory locks.

The week saw a range of wonderful writing pieces produced and introduced students to one of our GCSE texts whilst also supporting our current year 11s with their Literature revision.

The department would like to thank everyone for their support and engagement with the week.



# Mental Health Week

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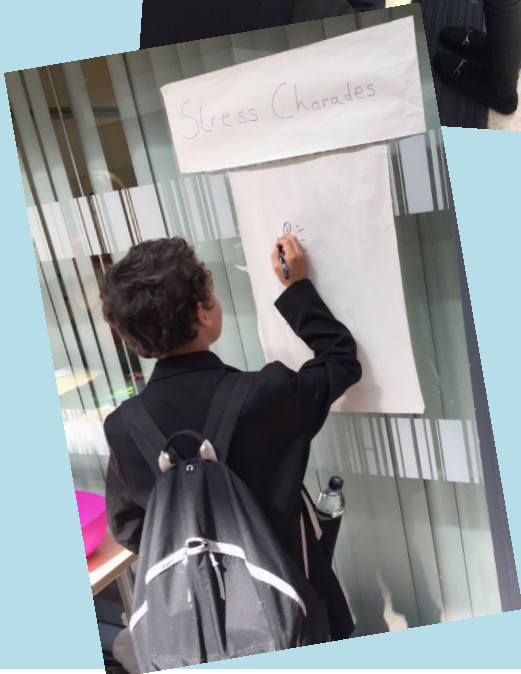
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK  
14-20 MAY 2018  
[mentalhealth.org.uk](http://mentalhealth.org.uk)

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week we engaged in many different activities aimed at promoting good mental health and on Tuesday we welcomed CAMHS in to the Academy. CAMHS stands for *Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services*. CAMHS are the NHS services that assesses and treat young people with emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties.

We discussed where students can get support, we also made a de-stress tree, did mindfulness colouring, stress charades and had lots of conversations about mental health.

On Thursday we had a special visitor by the name of Basil. The feel good factor was spread across all departments as Basil the cocker spaniel toured the school relishing all the attention and fuss. Pet therapy is very beneficial in relieving stress and certainly spread smiles across the Academy. Thursday also saw "curry and a chat" at lunchtime.

The week was a great success. Just hearing people talking about mental health in an open and honest way was not only progress towards breaking down the stigma attached to mental health but it was also very humbling.



# SHIREBROOK ACADEMY

# Alumni

After leaving school in 2013 I completed a Level 3 Sports development and coaching course at 6<sup>th</sup> Form. Once I had completed my course I was then presented with an opportunity to work with Chesterfield College as a level 2 Business Administration Apprentice. Even after I had left school I was still unsure of what career pathway was best for me, but I was eager to start earning my own money. An apprenticeship sounded like the perfect fit for me as I would be able to earn money as well continue learning valuable skills and gain higher qualifications.

After completing my level 2 Apprenticeship I decided to take a slightly different route and progress onto a level 3 IT apprenticeship. My first year as an administration assistant was very enjoyable and I feel as though the whole apprenticeship was worthwhile and helped kick-start my progression. The main thing that I took from completing my level 2 was that it helped me to realise that this was a career I would be happy to pursue, the experience that I gained from this was invaluable to me.

I was given support and guidance through my apprenticeship providers to progress onto a level 3 which would be better suited to me. After my first apprenticeship I had a better idea of what I wanted to do and I am now still currently completing my level 3 IT Apprenticeship. Due to my progression through the apprenticeship programmes and the higher qualifications that I've achieved I have recently secured full time employment in a well-paid job that I thoroughly enjoy.

Before I started my apprenticeship I was very sceptical about if it would be the correct decision for me. I am now glad that I decided to make the choices that I did and I am very proud of what I have managed to achieve by progressing through the apprenticeship scheme.

*Dane Wagstaff*



After finishing my exams and school in 2012 I decided to apply to stay & continue in Post 16 education and do a Level 3 in Sports Coaching, Development & Fitness. I was successful in completing the course with Triple Distinction.

When I left 6<sup>th</sup> form, I had a Conditional Offer to go on to do Joint Honours Degree of Sports Science & Media Studies, unfortunately after the first year I realised that the University lifestyle wasn't for me.

Following on from that I started working for Post Office LTD scheduling all the jobs for refurbishments of Post Offices all over the North East, North West & Scotland and Northern Ireland on a temporary contract. After being with the Post Office for just over a year I used my experiences & skills gained to apply for a permanent role at a company called Trust Security System LTD.

I have been at Trust now for 18 months, I started with scheduling jobs for the service engineers working my way up to also completing down job sheets from engineers and sending the invoice out to customers. I am now currently doing a Level 3 Qualification in Customer Service and being taught how to order parts for new installs because I will be soon working alongside the Installations Manager with a goal of becoming the Install Manager myself.

I really enjoy my job and what I do, I still have a lot to learn but I am learning new things every day.

*Ashleigh Everett*



I began an apprenticeship at Freshstart Recruitment in June 2017. An apprenticeship is a great option to allow you to gain skills and experience you don't get with other qualifications. I am currently working towards an administration qualification within a recruitment agency. There are many opportunities for progression within the industry and as such I hope to become a recruitment consultant in the future.

*Chloe Ford*



If you are a former student or know of any who'd like to stay in touch and give back to their old school, ask them to sign up at:

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/shirebrook>

A day in the life of Adam Booth  
(Behaviour Support Assistant)



I originally started working at the Academy in 2013 after a very short stint at Derby University. I went there entirely optimistic (and scared) but it didn't take long for me to realise that I was a bit of a home bird and the city environment didn't suit me. Everything I had done up until this point was close to home. I lived in Langwith, I went to primary school in Langwith, and I went to secondary school in Shirebrook and then finished with 6<sup>th</sup> form at the Academy. This is why it was so hard for me in an unfamiliar city. Despite this I knew that I had the qualifications and dedication to make a go of anything I could put my mind to, so I began volunteering.

I visited the Academy and spoke initially to Mr Gilbert and Mrs Ward, they were incredibly empathetic to my situation and offered me a voluntary position as a teaching assistant. It wasn't long before I had my first interview for a permanent position and thankfully I was successful. Since then my role has progressed and I am now a behaviour support assistant working in BASE, the academy's specialist inclusion and social development area. A typical day will see me work 1:1 and in small groups with academy students to improve their behaviour and social skills to give them the best possible opportunities for success. This is something that I am very passionate about and the students benefit greatly from. I am also currently studying a forest schools leader qualification which sees me become Bear Grylls for the day as I take the students out into the forest for all sorts of bush craft and practical skill development activities. Overall my role is challenging but greatly varied as I may be working to prevent the exclusion of one student in the morning and building a campfire in the afternoon.

I have been very committed to personal development whilst working here and I think it has always been down to the hard work instilled in me from the start of Y7 from the staff here. The vision of striving for excellence is very real and I for one have nothing but praise for everyone that worked so hard to give me every opportunity to progress. Because of this vision I have since completed the first year of a psychology degree with the Open University and am now a qualified personal trainer. My message is just to follow your own path, sometimes you will face hurdles but it's the decisions you make when faced with adversity that will determine what type person you will become.

Work hard, listen to the people that matter and you will succeed.

*Adam Booth*



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striving for excellence

# Do you like

spending your time

**Drawing**    **Painting**  
**Playing Music**    **Visiting Galleries**  
**Going to Concerts**

**WE ARE LOOKING for the most DEDICATED STUDENTS in Y9 and Y10 who can collate the MOST HOURS getting involved in THE ARTS**

**What to do...**  
You can record anything other than what you do in your lesson time. The top attenders/ participants will win arts & music equipment during Arts Week 2018  
**To take part just collect a card from Mr Freer or Mr Case**

**DERBYSHIRE**  
County Council

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

**Did you know, meals for infants are free regardless of personal circumstances?**

Free meals for junior and secondary aged pupils are subject to meeting eligibility criteria.

It is important to register all pupils regardless of whether they intend to have a meal, it could mean additional funding for school.

**Easy and confidential ways to register/apply:**  
Telephone: 01629 536400/535743  
Email: [checking@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:checking@derbyshire.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)  
Paper forms available in school

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# Derbyshire County

## CUP FINAL

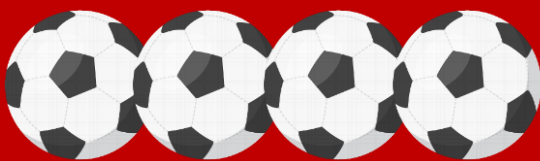


The Year 7 girls' team visited Derby County's training ground to take on Ecclesbourne School in the Derbyshire County Cup final!

The girls performed well throughout the game and were a real credit to the Academy.

It was a fantastic experience for the girls to play at a brilliant facility.

Unfortunately the result didn't go in the girls favour, but they can be really proud of reaching the final and finishing as runners up.



## BOLSOVER DISTRICT School Sport Partnership



Five local primary schools (Anthony Bek, Model Village, Park Federation, Stubbin Wood and Whaley Thorns) recently took part in their annual sports festival at Shirebrook Leisure Centre. Clare Hayes from the School Sport Partnership delivered the event with eleven year 9 leaders from Shirebrook Academy. The afternoon consisted of boccia, seated volleyball, athletics, new age curling and table cricket. Tom Coxhead from the Derbyshire Cricket Board delivered table cricket along with two leaders, and this was a great opportunity for pupils to try something completely different!

The aim of the festival was to encourage children to have a go at all of the activities, whilst also working as a team to complete some of the challenges. Everyone worked hard and tried their best at everything. The local Rotary Club very kindly support his event every year by paying for the venue and donating water bottles to each pupil that attended the festival. Their support is very much appreciated.

A special mention to the young leaders who engaged every child with their activity and received praise from the primary school staff. Well done!



# A Celebration of ART

## Congratulations and Well Done



### KS3 ARTISTS OF THE TERM

Kyle Cosby 7JO & Isabelle Corbett 7JS

### KS4 ARTISTS OF THE TERM

Nicole Calladine 10RW & Ilona Esanu 10DR

The Rotary Club of Warsop  
Shirebrook and District

## YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION 2018

**FRIDAY 29th JUNE**

7.00pm at Shirebrook Academy

A showcase of talented music students from Shirebrook Academy and Meden School. Also featuring a photography exhibition of images from The Rotary Club Young Photographers Competition.

**TICKETS £2**



MEDEN SCHOOL



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## FAMILY FUN DAY

**SATURDAY  
23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2018**

11am - 3pm

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# BARCELONA

## Day 1 – Sunday 8th April

It was a tiring but exciting early start as students gathered together half-asleep, excited for the adventure ahead. 41 students and 5 staff members headed to London Heathrow airport for our early morning departure to Barcelona. Anticipation lay ahead for some students, this being their first experience at an airport. We arrived in Barcelona on time to meet our coach to take us to our accommodation. ¡ Perfecto! With the luggage dropped off we headed out to explore beautiful Barca.

First stop was the beautiful cathedral “La Sagrada Familia”, one of Barcelona’s most popular tourist attractions and Antoni Gaudí’s unfinished masterpiece. We toured round the spectacular building having an individual hand held guide to fill us all with lots of interesting information about this wonderful on-going creation. The sun was even shining through the spectacular stained glass windows of the cathedral.

We then headed to El Fresco for our first taste of Spanish culture and food. We sampled a variety of tasty foods and it was a great atmosphere as we shared our excitement for the forthcoming trips.

To finish off the evening we headed out to the famous shopping street called “La Rambla”. Students got to experience the crazy life of the Spanish street with a variety of street statues. This was a little insight of what was to come later on in the trip. After a long first day, it was time to return to the hotel and get some much needed sleep to prepare us for the few days ahead.

## Day 2 – Monday 9th April

After breakfast we gathered together to run through the daily plan. There was a big buzz in the air this morning as many students (and staff) were very excited to visit Barcelona Football Club’s Stadium “Camp Nou”.

An incredible tour was the highlight of the football fans’ day as they got to experience: life in the changing rooms, looking at the winning trophies and the main highlight had to be walking out and viewing the outstanding pitch, seeing how huge the stadium was in person. Students posed as celebrities and visited the shop to buy souvenirs to take back to England. Many students purchased footballs and even got to kick the ball around at the start of the tour.

The sun shone as we then headed down to the port to visit the Aquarium. En-route we saw the beautiful marina, hosting grand yachts and boats, but no sign of any celebs. We managed to see a lot of peculiar looking fish, including Nemo and of course we even had some time to buy an ice-cream, play football and soak up the sunshine.

Our next visit of the day was to one of the most famous places in Barcelona, constructed by Antoni Gaudi himself: Park Guell. The famous mosaic tiles are a special feature to this city and seeing them up close was fabulous, especially in the sunshine.

The evening arrived which meant two things: Flamenco and tapas. Time for the students to experience a traditional Spanish dancing show and to eat some of Spain’s renowned delicacies. As the guitar was played, the Spanish singing and the dancing began. Mr Hand started the evening off by dancing brilliantly with the Flamenco Dancer and soon after, students enthusiastically volunteered to have a go creating a wonderful atmosphere. Harley, Angel, Ella, Owen and Isaac were amongst many students to have a go at dancing the flamenco – definitely dancers in the making. The food arrived consisting of Patatas Bravas (typical potato dish with garlic mayo), jamón serrano, paella con pescado (fish paella), ensalada (salad), tortilla Española (Spanish omelette). The Paella went down a treat. We returned to the hotel in the evening to prepare ourselves for the fun-filled day ahead.





### Day 3 – Tuesday 10th April

Tuesday consisted of another exciting day ahead, not only being in the sunshine away from Shirebrook Academy, but time to go on one of the highest Rollercoaster's in Europe at the Theme Park "Portaventura". The bus journey there was a chance to catch up on missed sleep. The weather was perfect and excitement and laughter filled the air as students ventured out to ride the "Shambhala" and "Dragon Khan", two of the biggest rollercoasters in Europe. The group fully enjoyed the trip and it was great to see students having so much fun. They even received food vouchers which allowed them to have a big feast for lunch including Spaghetti Bolognese, pizza, ice cream and a drink.

After recovering from the rides we headed out for our evening meal at Hard Rock Café, located on the historical square of Plaza Catalunya. It was great to experience such creative cuisine and to view the world-famous music memorabilia.

To complete such a great day, we visited the Bowling Alley for a few games of bowling before returning back to the hotel for our final night's stay in Barcelona.

### Day 4 – Wednesday 11th April

Our final day in such a stunning, inspiring city, but still many more activities in place and the trip was far from over. Once we had checked out of the hotel, we headed for Parc de Montjuic to ride the cable cars. We took a trip up the mountain and hopped into a cable car, to show a clear, panoramic view of the entire city, which included seeing La Sagrada Familia (famous cathedral). Many selfies were taken. We even got to see the wonderful castle at the top of the mountain which was beaming in the hot sun.

To make the trip extra special we returned to La Rambla (Barcelona's main shopping street) where students saw lots of street entertainers and wandered around the variety of shops that La Rambla had to offer. Many students returned back to Hard Rock Café to purchase some souvenirs to take back home. The staff sampled some of Spain's delicacies on La Rambla including churros and chocolate and taking a visit to Barcelona's huge market.

After collecting our luggage and saying a big 'Adiós' to the fabulous city of Barcelona, we headed to the airport, with very sad faces and began our journey back to the UK.

Safe to say what a fantastic few days we had in Barcelona and definitely a trip to remember.

# MFL WEEK 2018



**Monday** lunchtime saw the introduction of a BRAND NEW activity for 2018 – I'm a Teacher Get me out of Here LIVE in the atrium. Hundreds of students gathered to witness 9 lucky staff volunteers tasting a range of foods from around the world BLINDFOLDED. They had to guess the name of the food they were eating as well as the country from which it originates. The foods tasted ranged from delicious sweet treats such as Nutella and profiteroles to spicy chorizo and EXTRA spicy jalapeños. Staff were also transported to the other side of the world with Sushi and onion bhajis, and students gasped in horror and disbelief as staff were fed snails in the final round. A massive thanks to Mr Moran, Miss Newton, Miss Rodbourne, Mr Dalby, Mr Tyrrell, Miss Cameron, Mrs Ward, Mr Beecham and Miss Thompson for being such great sports and sticking it out to the bitter end. CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Dalby and Miss Rodbourne who were crowned King and Queen of Shirebrook Academy, sporting an inflatable crown for the rest of the day. Big thanks to students for making such a great atmosphere in the building to kick off day one in style.

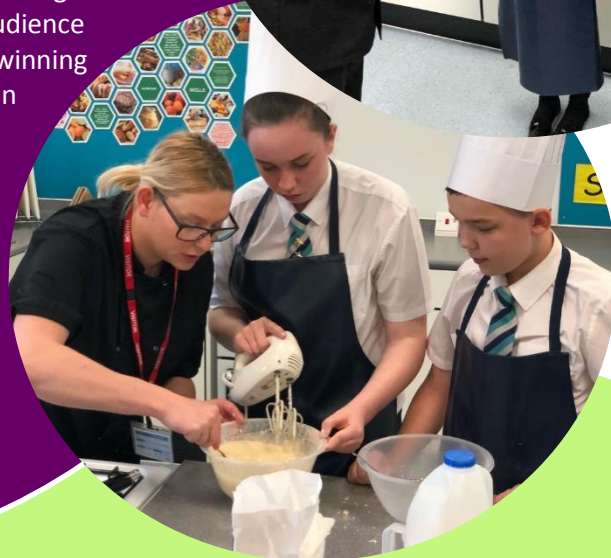
Tuesday lunchtime's Spanish art session – Picasso Masterclass – with Mr Freer, Miss Miller, Mr Hand and the MFL department gave students the opportunity to produce their own painting in Picasso's famous style. Mr Hand was the resplendent model for the day, with students producing some incredible work in such a short space of time. Judging was incredibly tough, with Ruby Robinson (Y7) scooping first prize of a £20 Chiquito voucher and being crowned the winner with her excellent interpretation of Mr Hand. Isabelle Corbett (Y7) came in 2nd place receiving an Art set, with Eva Bess (Y7) and Millie Layton (Y8) each taking home a £10 Chiquito voucher for finishing 3rd and 4th respectively. Thank you to the art department for allowing us to stage this activity and helping to lead the session. Tuesday also saw the annual French boules inter-form competition and thankfully the weather stayed dry to see Abigail Richardson (Y11), Ellie Nussey (Y10), Aaron Bradley (Y9), Brady Dockwray (Y8) and Sean Ujvary (Y7) crowned winners – all wearing a French beret for the rest of the afternoon.

Building on the success of previous years, after-school there was a French crepe making session with Mrs Armstrong, the MFL team, and 22 eager students. Thankfully, only a couple of crepes ended up burnt. Students filled their crepes with chocolate sauce, strawberries, cream and a range of other fillings, providing a brilliant end to the day. Thanks to Mrs Armstrong for allowing us to take over the food room again. Judges picked Justyna Kazus (Y7) as the winner of this session – she won a specially engraved Languages Week trophy.



Wednesday lunchtime saw the arrival of a very special guest. Natalia Witczak (owner and head chef of Two Flags Restaurant in Shirebrook) kindly agreed to come in to the Academy to deliver a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' type activity to an audience of 30 students who had been specially invited. Natalia was amazing with the students and took the time to answer their questions about her life, Polish food and Polish culture. Isabelle Corbett/Ruby Robinson (Y7) and Luke Clarke/Emily Harland (Y8) were the two lucky teams of students who were chosen to cook alongside Natalia. The audience watched attentively as the teams worked to create a delicious dish of Polish pancakes with a range of fillings including jam, cream and chocolate. The audience then chose their winner – with Isabelle and Ruby winning by 15 votes to 14 – a very close call. They both won a specially engraved trophy presented by Natalia. Huge thanks must go to Natalia for agreeing to be such a big part of our week – she would love to see you at Two Flags in the near future – details (including how to book) can be found at the following website.

[www.twoflagsrestaurant.co.uk/en/home/](http://www.twoflagsrestaurant.co.uk/en/home/)



Wednesday's after school activity was aimed at showing the students where their languages might take them. Around 50 students flocked to the 3G pitch to take part in a 'Slovakia v Sweden' or 'Slovenia v France' football match with stars from Derby County Football Club leading the session. Henrich Ravas, Sven Karic, Ayo Jibodu and Yoann Greco began the session by telling students a little about their background and involvement with other cultures and language. They spoke about the importance of education and languages and how languages can support you in future life. It was inspiring and really brought home to students what their future opportunities could be.

The students then eagerly split off in to four teams and went in to battle against each other – with Slovakia destroying Sweden 5-0 and Slovenia hammering France 7-2. The activity ended with a player of the match presentation and a signed football for the best player on each team – Jo Jope (Y8), Georgie Shaw (Y8) and Teegan Spizer (Y7) were the lucky winners. Despite the heavens opening, the players were happy to stay to sign autographs and have photos with many students – we are very grateful to them for giving up their time to be with us for two hours, enthusing and engaging our students who went home with lots of memories, a real day to remember for them. Huge thanks to Mason Bennett (*former Shirebrook Academy student*), Terry Smith, Simon Ord, Darren Wassall and the Derby County Academy for allowing this activity to happen.



Thursday lunch-time saw students flock to the theatre to take part in a Zumba session led by the MFL team. Zumba, originating in Colombia, was another new activity for 2018. It was fantastic to see so many students from all year groups busting their moves to classic Spanish tunes including Despacito, Reggaeton Lento and Mi Gente. Some of the moves on show were nothing short of SPECTACULAR and by the end of the session it felt like the theatre had been transformed in to a Colombian dance club. Huge thanks and well done to all of the students for jumping in to this activity with such enthusiasm and energy – you were amazing.



Friday saw the theatre turn Japanese for an hour with a lively Karaoke session attended by over 60 students – a whopping turnout for yet another new activity for 2018. Students were incredible and it was amazing to see so many keen to perform with many choosing to sing in a foreign language. Josh Browne (Y8), Stevie Haynes (Y11), Ben Madeley (Y9) all sang songs in Spanish, with Ben, Cyprian Horbal and Daniel Windeatt (Y9) performing a Russian themed song complete with a memorable dance. Year 11 students Joe Fletcher and Owen Parsons stole the show with a moving tribute to the late, incredible Avicii – their performance of Hey Brother was a real crowd pleaser. Huge thanks again to all students for coming along to watch, especially those who sang, putting themselves out of their comfort zone. Massive thank you to PE for allowing us to take over PE facilities for three days running.

After-school the MFL department again took over the food room, this time to lead the popular pizza making session. 22 students attended this activity and the judges crowned Alicia Benger (Y7) as the winner, taking home a special trophy for her Languages themed pizza.



Thursday 3rd May – We were so lucky this year to be able to stage a final Languages Week activity for 2018, one week later. Professional footballer Thierry Audel who has played for many English clubs, as well as clubs in Italy and France, gave up his own free time following the end of the football season, for the second year running to lead an activity with our students – Thierry was delighted to be able to come back to Shirebrook and left students with some fantastic memories at the end of the day.

The event, dubbed 'France v Spain', was attended by 40 students, some of whom met Thierry and remembered him from last year. We kicked off with Thierry speaking at length about his career, life and the importance of learning languages and appreciating different cultures, which was fantastic for our students to hear. It was also amazing to hear him talking about life after football, he has already started doing some work in translation and interpreting, and it was really beneficial for students to hear from a professional footballer about the importance of studying hard and having a plan for after a career in football is over. Thierry, most recently with AFC Barrow, spoke about how important learning languages have been for his career and in his life.



During a live Q&A session with students, Thierry gave some inspiring messages including:

*'Languages have not only helped me in my football but also in life as well. Football is great but you also need to be educated. If you never open a book during your football career you will struggle to find something else to do after football. I am doing a lot of work currently in interpreting and translation using the languages I know (French, English and Italian).'*



Following the Q&A session, Thierry and Miss Wheeldon (Spain's manager) picked their own team of students to represent their country and managed from the side-lines – Thierry even played most of the game as Player-Manager for France. The game itself was wide open, a tense affair which ended 5-4 to Spain leading Miss Wheeldon to celebrate passionately with her team. The players of the match as selected by the two managers were Theo Gorrill and Cole Jarvis (both Y8).

At the end of the game, Thierry took more time out to chat with students, have photographs and sign autographs on a whole host of items – bags, journals, phone cases, boots and more. The MFL department would like to say a huge MERCI BEAUCOUP to Thierry for so kindly giving up his time to join us for this activity and for being such a great role-model and inspiration for students, doing it with such character, enthusiasm and passion.



The MFL department would like to thank all students who attended activities, our special guests, staff for pushing the events with students, the departments around the Academy which helped to make our week a huge success and the amazing admin/site team who put so much effort in to making the building look amazing – including Chinese lanterns and huge flags draped in the Atrium.

**Roll on 2019!**

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE  
KEY DATES THROUGHOUT  
THE ACADEMIC YEAR

# DIARY DATES

## JUNE 2018

- 18-22 Arts Week
- 18-22 Y10 Exams
- 22 Y7 GRIT trip to The Deep
- 23 Family Fun Day
- 27 Sports Day
- 29 Y7 GRIT trip to The Deep

## JULY 2018

- 4 Target Review Day
- 5-8 Krakow Residential
- 9-20 Y10 Work Experience
- 9 Y6 Early Transition
- 10 Y6 Lea Green Trip
- Y7-Y9 Personal Development Day
- 20 Finish for Summer Break

# ACADEMY UNIFORM



## NEW PE Kit

Also available:  
Tracksuit bottoms and Skorts.  
*Various Sizes*



**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



# Thank You

Year 11 students and staff would like to say a special thank you to Richard Kenning from GKL Leasing of Chesterfield for their kind donation towards this year's Y11 prom.



# 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*

## OPENING HOURS

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

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