

On Friday 7th September we attended the glitzy East Midlands Chamber of Commerce Derbyshire Business awards ceremony at Derby County's Pride Park stadium where we beat four other finalists including Derby College and Chesterfield College to win the Derbyshire Education Business Partnership Award for 2018.

As Derbyshire winners were then entered into the East Midlands Regional Competition where we were up against the winners from Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire.

We are delighted to announce that we have been named the Regional Winners and we are through to the British Chamber of Commerce National Finals in London on November 29th.

The award recognises schools, further education colleges, universities and training providers that engage effectively with business. All of the finalists demonstrated how they work with businesses to help their students gain an understanding of the world of work and develop the crucial employability skills that employers value.

In naming Shirebrook Academy as Regional Winners, the judges commented that they were particularly impressed by our commitment to preparing our students for working life after school, recognising the exceptional amount of engagement with business our students experience, from small local companies through to multi-nationals like Rolls Royce. We aim to make sure our young people are equipped and informed to make choices for themselves about their future careers and this award provides great recognition for the way that we develop employability skills and support our young people to become successful employees and entrepreneurs.

Fingers crossed for the national awards in November!

Best wishes
Mark Cottingham
 Principal - Shirebrook Academy



Pictured are: John O'Callaghan - Leader of Derbyshire Education Business Partnership (DEBP), Mark Cottingham - Principal, Helen Wakefield - Assistant Principal, Tracy Horton - Personal Development Co-ordinator

SHIREBROOK ACADEMY

Alumni



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>

CALLING CLASS OF 2016

Did you leave Shirebrook Academy in July 2016?
Are you starting University in September 2018? ...
If so you will be eligible to apply for a small bursary to support your Higher Education studies.

If you are interested please email
shirebrook@networks.futurefirst.org.uk
for more information.

ARTiculation



Jordan Johnson represented the academy at the Articulation final at the University of Leeds. He spoke brilliantly and creatively about the work of Salvador Dali and did himself, his family and the school proud. He was one of 8 finalists from across the country who all were very strong. Unfortunately, Jordan didn't take one of the top 2 prizes but the judges praised his fearless performance – including a truly surreal section where he pretended to take a phone call from Dali using a lobster!

Supporting

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT



A big well done to the PE staff and the Y10 girls for all their hard work baking and hosting our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was a great success with lots of cake consumed for a very worthy cause.

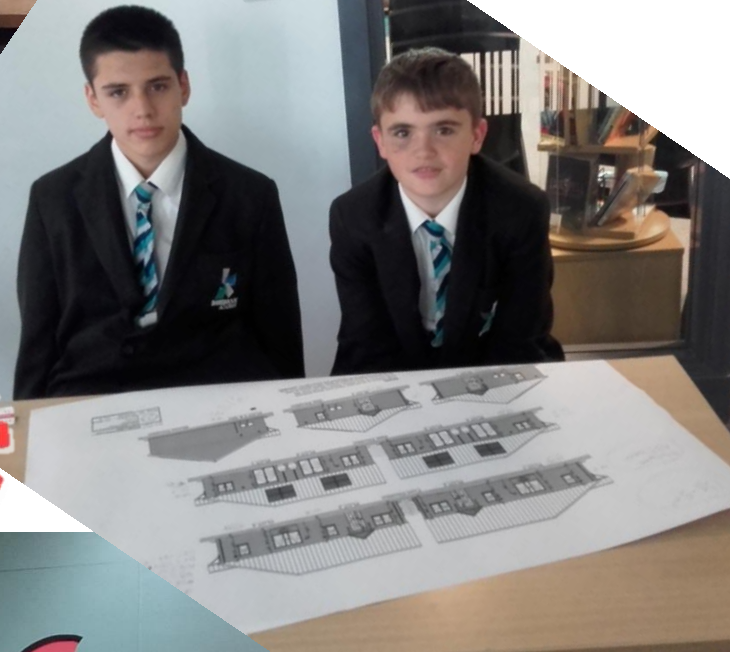
We raised £160



Personal Development

Y9 Industry Day

Industry day was a great success with Y9 students engaging in different subject tasters and getting stuck in. From media make up, Rolls Royce setting challenging tasks, childcare activities, auto mechanics and travel and tourism delivered by West Notts College and The RAF and so many more. Providers kindly gave their time to share their expertise and to help the Y9 students learn about future options and help inspire them to work hard with their GCSEs so they can achieve their future career goals.





The Access Project

On Monday 2nd July Y10s on The Access Project visited Cambridge University with students from Ashfield School. The trip was originally planned for February but snow prevented us from going, so we were delighted to go on a hot sunny day! For most of the day we were guests of Murray Edwards College where we had a presentation on what studying at Cambridge is like. Murray Edwards is one of the most modern Cambridge colleges and is one of three that admit only women. We went on a tour of the college and saw the beautiful gardens and fountains, and had a packed lunch in their dining hall which features some interesting art!

After lunch we walked through sunny Cambridge to go and visit Gonville and Caius college, which is very different to Murray Edwards because it dates from the 12th Century so the buildings are much older. We visited the chapel and the dining hall and learnt about some of the traditions of the college. When we were back at Murray Edwards, we had two sample lectures from members of the college. The biology lecture was fascinating - it was about a component of human cells and we got to hear about what it is like to do a PhD. In the history lecture we analysed a 12th Century painting and interpreted the clues it gave us about the reign of Richard II - it was really funny and interactive! Aside from looking around Cambridge and finding out what college life is like, one of the best bits about the trip was getting to know the students from Ashfield!

The Access Project is a programme within school that helps students get into top universities by providing free one-to-one tuition and intensive in-school support, which includes two trips to universities. If your child is interested in enrolling, we have some places available for current Y10s and Y11s.

Email molly@theaccessproject.org.uk or visit our website for more information!

www.theaccessproject.org.uk



LGBT+ YOUTH GROUP

- Drop In
- Non Judgemental
- Discussion
- Support
- Activities

For ALL Year Groups

Unsure of your sexual orientation?

Questioning your gender identity?

Looking for a safe place to just be you?

COME ALONG to our **NEW LGBT+ Group** **MONDAYS** after school until 4:15 in Academy Support

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

Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Paper forms available in school



Do you want to contribute to the Shirebrook Academy community?



Are you able to attend a forum every half term to share your views?

IF SO SIGN UP AND JOIN SHIREBROOK ACADEMY Parents' Forum

your voice counts



If you are interested, please email lward@shirebrookacademy.org

THE ACCESS PROJECT PROGRAMME

We help bright students, through providing 1-1 academic tuition and in school mentoring to gain access to selective universities

YEAR 10 & 11 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Free 1-1 GCSE Academic Tuition in one of the following subjects –

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- English
- Maths
- Geography
- History
- French
- Spanish

We also run 1-1, workshop sessions and university trips to help give students support and guidance surrounding getting to a top university.

Student - Johnathan: "I was so lucky to have a tutorial with Rhiannon last week before my English mock as we went through an exam question that then came up, and I ended up doing really well!"

Tutor - Rhiannon: "Jonathan is proactive, engaged and very conscientious. He did the homework I set and sent it to me by email the day before the tutorial! He's an amazing student."



There are 20 places available for Year 10 and Year 11.

If you would like to apply for the programme then please type the following URL into your web browser - <https://bit.ly/2FsDx7i>

If you need any further information then please contact sam@theaccessproject.org.uk

ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

On Wednesday 4th July we hosted the first ever celebration event for Alternative Provision, which consists of BASE, Grow3, Grow4 and The Health and Wellbeing Programme. The Alternative Provision department has expanded dramatically over the last few years and in the 2017-18 school year we catered for over 130 different students, many of these accessing 2 or even 3 different provisions. We wanted to celebrate this expansion but most importantly the outstanding efforts and achievements of the students who have been part of it.

All students received awards for their participation but there were special awards for students of the year and most improved students for each provision.

These were awarded as follows:

- **BASE most improved students:** Callum Nussey and Emily Barnes
- **BASE student of the year:** Josh Towers
- **Grow3 most improved students:** Reece Nussey and David Frost
- **Grow3 students of the year:**
Brandon-Lee Wilford, Sonny Smith and Josh Tipple
- **Grow4 most improved students:** Farren Shaw and Finlay Mullin
- **Grow4 students of the year:** Nathan Hubbard and Jack Mather
- **Forest School most improved students:**
Ebony Downs, Charlie Jones and Alex Stewart
- **Forest School students of the year:**
Cameron Bingley, Kyle Mason and Dylan Thomas
- **Health and wellbeing student of the year:** Alex Brooks

Thank you once again to all staff, students and parents who supported Alternative Provision last year and helped make the celebration such a success.



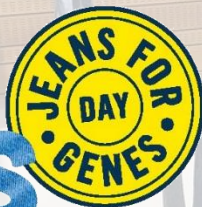
**Health &
Wellbeing**

BASE
BEHAVIOURAL AND SOCIAL ENHANCEMENT

G3
GROW

G4
GROW

WEAR JEANS CHANGE LIVES.



On Friday 21st September we welcomed Jeans for Genes day at the academy. 1 in 25 children are born with a genetic disorder. That's like one child in every school class. There are over 6,000 types of genetic disorders, and everyone is different. A child with a genetic disorder may have learning difficulties, skin conditions, experience epilepsy or autism, or lose their sight and hearing. They may experience chronic pain and spend long periods of time in hospital. For a £1 donation students and staff were encouraged to wear their denim for school in a bid to raise money to transform these children's lives. Other activities during the day included a bake sale, 3 legged jeans race, making a DNA necklace and spaghetti and marshmallow DNA molecules.

**WE RAISED
OVER
£800**

Y5&6 OPEN EVENING

Our Y5 & 6 open evening proved a great success as we opened our doors to prospective students and their parents. Each department hosted their own interactive activities with different themes. In MFL there was a display of worldly cultures and international cuisine to taste whilst in Science Mr Morley was on fire.

Students were able to wander the building and explore for themselves the great things on offer within our academy.

A big thank you to staff and current students who gave their time to help make the evening the success it was.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 2018

WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS STORIES

**Maci Camm and Callie Hassell,
Boots**

The manager is very happy
with the work of both girls



WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS STORIES

**Keenan Mathurin, Meden
School**

Best student we have ever had
- very professional and mature
approach



WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS STORIES

Jasmine Cottam, Boots

Really impressed with her
work ethic - she has
volunteered to carry on in the
holidays and may get a
Christmas job when she's 16



WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS STORIES

Kacper Marciniak

Good attitude and attendance,
well done



WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS STORIES

**Olivia Brooks, Langwith
Bassett Primary School**

"We have been delighted to
have Olivia, she has been
willing to do all sorts of
activities, always with a smile"



WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS STORIES

Conner Fairhurst

Working well at Creswell
Craggs!



Y10 students undertook their 2-week work experience just prior to the summer break and for many it was a great success. Students gained valuable lessons on working life and an insight into possible future careers. Staff and students at the academy would like to thank all the employers who took part and gave their time to the students.

The dates for next year's work experience are 8-19 July. We will be launching work experience for students on Personal Development day in October.

If you are a parent requiring more information or an employer willing to offer a placement, please contact us on 01623 742722.

Quality of Life



On Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th October, our fantastic Year 11 Geography students went on a field trip to Sheffield to investigate 'Quality of Life' in three different locations across the city. Whilst there, students completed environmental quality surveys assessing a range of criteria and had the opportunity to interview local residents. These were fantastic days that allowed students to work together as a team and engage in learning outside of the classroom. Students were incredibly well behaved and were a credit to themselves and Shirebrook Academy.



Y9 Rewards Day

A sunny day back in July towards the end of term saw Y9 enjoying a rewards day doing zorbing. The day was provided by the Academy Youth Council and sponsored by Bolsover District Council. Students were rewarded for all their hard work and commitment in school throughout the year. It was a fun event enjoyed by all.

Bolsover
District Council



Working Together

Foundation learning students, Leon Ali and Dylan Fisher have been busy this term working with Stubbin Wood students. They have visited Duke's Barn in Beeley where they took part in outdoor education activities and Norwood Park golf centre where they enjoyed some tuition on the driving range from a golf instructor.

More recently they have enjoyed a trip to Sheffield to look at the art galleries as part of their GCSE art course. This gave them lots of inspiration for their artist research tasks.



A dog's life...

Abandoned Chesterfield street dog Bella has found a new life comforting kids in our classrooms.

Bella, a stray dog found a forever home and a new lease of life after taking on the role of 'therapy dog' at Shirebrook Academy, boosting the wellbeing and self-esteem of pupils on a daily basis. Staffy cross Bella has become a 'fully-fledged member' of the family at the academy, where she offers cuddles and comfort to students who might be struggling with anxiety, anger and other mental health issues.



The caring canine has a sad back story- she'd been living as a stray on the streets of Chesterfield until Abi Grocutt, who works as a safeguarding officer at the school, found and adopted her. Once Bella, thought to be around seven years old, had settled into her new home, Abi noticed what a loving and gentle nature she had- and it wasn't long before the school had added a four-legged friend to its register. "The positive impact that Bella has had on the students has been incredible," said Abi.

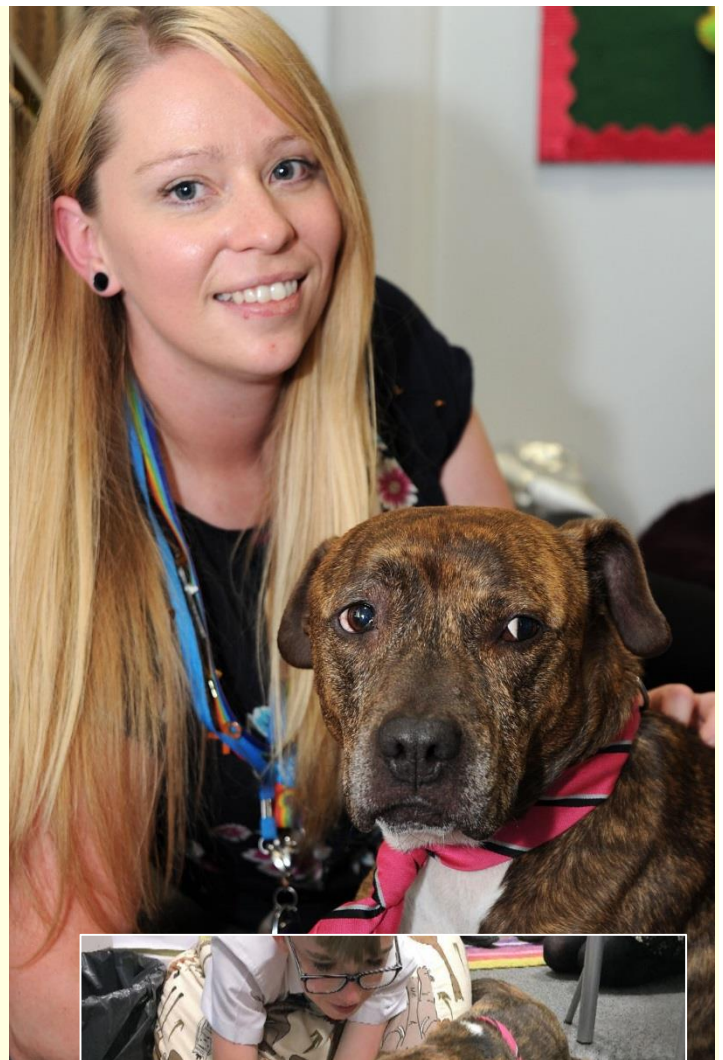
"I have always kept dogs who have helped me with my own struggles, and I was already running a support group, The Butterfly Project, using therapy dogs."

"I knew Bella would be a great addition to the school for students who struggle to relax and open up. I put the idea to staff and they were really enthusiastic and supportive, and Bella now comes in around three days a week."

Bella even dons a uniform to blend in with the students and will soon be kitted out with her very own cosy blazer as the colder months draw in. "You'll often find her laying at pupils' feet, snuggling into them while they read or meeting and greeting them with a little howl," added Abbi. "She definitely seems to sense when a pupil is struggling or might have additional needs." Similar 'school dog' schemes are gaining momentum in schools up and down the country and Abi would like to see more Derbyshire schools jump on board.

"I've seen pupils who wouldn't speak before regularly coming to me for a chat and better able to deal with social situations after spending time with Bella. Dogs offer unconditional love and understanding and I find pupils can sit with them and interact without feeling judged."

Bella is a welcome addition to the team at the academy.



PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE KEY DATES
THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER 2018

- 4 Y7 Settling in evening
- 8 Attendance Awareness Week
- 17 Post 16 Careers Evening
- 18 Personal Development Day
- 19 Shirebrook Stars
- 23 Celebration Evening
- 26-28 Y7-9 Battlefields Trip
- 26 Young Minds (non-uniform day)
Finish for half term

NOVEMBER 2018

- 5 Return to school
- 5-9 Y11 Mock Exams
- 9 Y7 GRIT Leeds Armouries
- 16 Y7 GRIT Leeds Armouries
- 30 Y8-Y10 France Trip (until 1st Dec)

DECEMBER 2018

- 1 Winter Wonderland
- 10 Literacy Week
- 12 Christmas Concert
- 14 GRIT Shirebrook Church
Carols in the Market
- 17 Shirebrook Stars
- 19 Finish for Christmas

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



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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