

# Newsletter

I hope you enjoy reading the first newsletter of 2019/20.

2019 Leavers did themselves and the school proud by recording our best ever exam results. This is even more remarkable when you consider that the exams are harder than ever with reduced or no coursework in most subjects, more and longer exams and more challenging content to learn.

It was lovely to see students who had worked so hard get their rewards so that they are now able to choose their next path in life. Amongst the excellent statistics, one of the most noteworthy is that our students were awarded 18 grade 9s. A grade 9 means you are in the top 2% in the country! It all goes to show that our students are capable of matching the best.

You know that I am always keen to emphasise that education is about much more than passing exams, so as pleased as we are for cohort 2019, we continue to focus a fully rounded education for all of our students and this newsletter is again testament to the wealth of opportunities we provide at Shirebrook Academy for all of our students to grow; as learners, as people and as citizens.



Best wishes  
*Mark Cottingham*  
Principal - Shirebrook Academy

## EVEREST CHALLENGE

### Scafell Pike

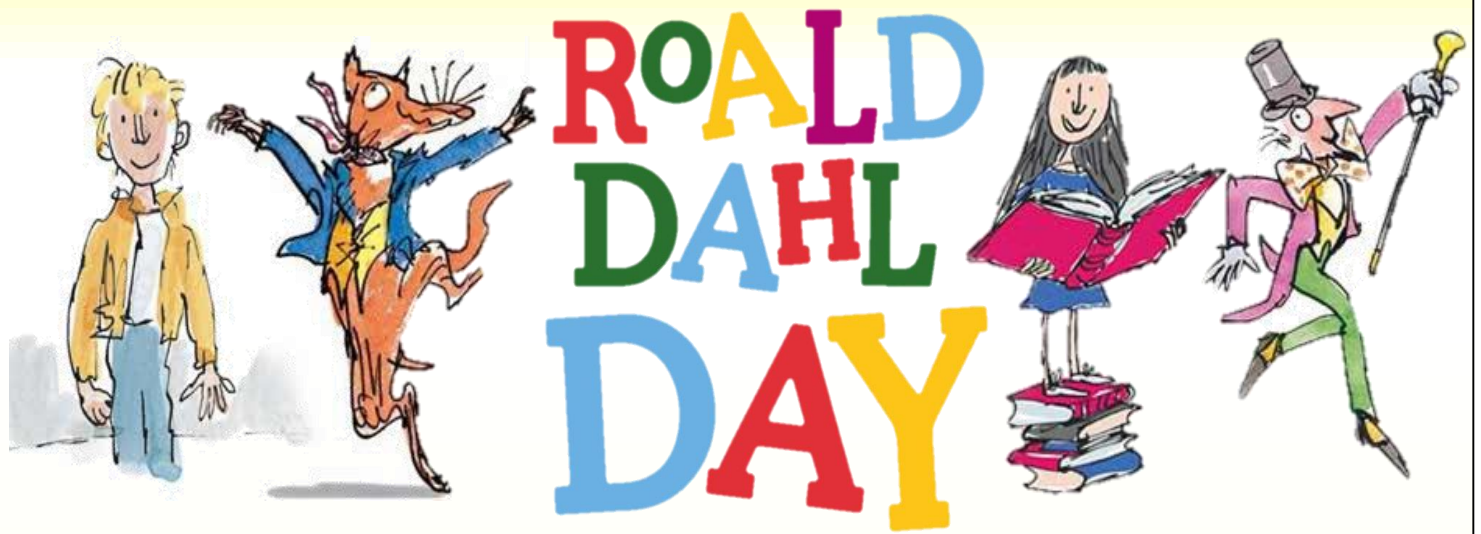
After the huge success of our last expedition to Wales, where we climbed Snowdon and Garnedd Ugain (as well as riding the world fastest zip line), we travelled to the Lake District on Friday 27th September to climb Scafell Pike.

After setting up the tents in the dark and getting a very questionable night's sleep, we started up the mountain on Saturday morning. The climb was very steep and there was rain around but the students showed immense determination and resilience in order to reach the summit in about 3 hours.

Next, we move on to Whernside, Yorkshire's highest peak, on 19th October.







# ROALD DAHL DAY

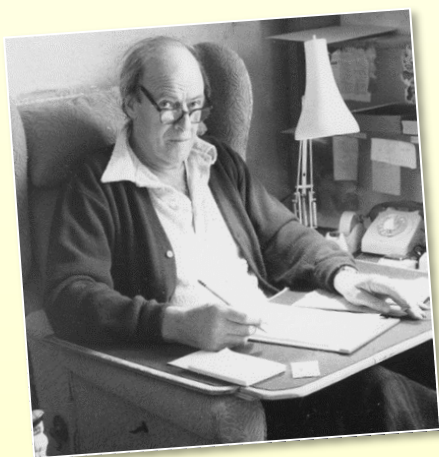
On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September it was Roald Dahl Day. Roald Dahl was a spy, an ace fighter pilot, a chocolate historian and a medical inventor.

He was also the author of **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**, **Matilda**, **The BFG**, and a treasury of original, evergreen, and beloved children's books. He remains for many the world's No. 1 storyteller.

Here at the Academy we celebrated the world renowned writer with some amazing activities and competitions.

*Congratulations to the following students who took part in our Golden Ticket competition:*

**Ethan Stubbings, Mitchell Timons, Lamin Sanno, Kylie Webster** and **Lillie Rose Hunt** winner of the Reading Challenge.



**Kylie Webster**



**Ethan Stubbings**



**Lamin Sanno**



**Mitchell Timons**



**Lillie Hunt**



# Cultural Krakow

Just prior to our summer break, thirty-six Y9 and Y10 students took part in the trip to Krakow. The trip was a phenomenal success, and the students were a real credit to the academy. Visits were taken to Auschwitz, which was hugely emotive and culturally enriching. We also visited Schindler's factory, Krakow Castle and the awe-inspiring Wieliczka Salt Mines, a whole city built out of salt, 100m below the ground. Time was also taken to soak in the atmosphere of the beautiful medieval city of Krakow. It was a pleasure to take such a wonderful group of students away with us.



1 in 25 children born in the UK are born with some kind of genetic disorder. Genetic Disorders UK has a vision to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by genetic disorders. There are over half a million children living with a genetic disorder in the UK today. Jeans for Genes day is a great way of not only raising awareness but it also helps raise funds in order to change the world for children born with such conditions.

Shirebrook Academy are proud supporters of this cause and held our Jeans for Genes day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Staff and students alike became denim devils for the day and helped raise vital funds.



**WE RAISED  
OVER  
£650**

[www.geneticdisordersuk.org](http://www.geneticdisordersuk.org)



## 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



# ARTS WEEK

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landings, the Arts department at Shirebrook Academy went interstellar this year for their annual Arts Week with the theme of Space(d).

The atrium was transformed by a suspended hand-made solar system, space rocket, stars, astronaut, banners and murals. The lesson bells were changed to play spaced themed music including Ricard Strauss, The Beastie Boys and of course, David Bowie. During form time students were encouraged to engage in a competition to make eco-friendly scrap paper origami rockets and space sculptures using nothing but rubbish. The week also featured an array of events and activities organised by the department, beginning on Monday with the creation of our space themed well dressing. This ancient Derbyshire tradition was given a modern twist with a science-fiction scene created using natural materials set in clay.

On Tuesday our talented art teachers and students began a large-scale alien inspired artwork in the atrium entitled 'Atrium 51', the students were fascinated to see the eerie scene come to life as the piece developed.







Wednesday saw a plethora of activities and performances; at lunch the artwork continued, accompanied by an unusual soundscape - Steve's Reich's Pendulum Music, this experimental composition is performed by manipulating electronic feedback by swinging microphones suspended over speakers. Whilst we don't expect it to be in the charts any time soon it certainly added to the spacey atmosphere!

Wednesday evening featured our Summer Showcase Concert and Art Exhibition, our talented Shirebrook musicians performed brilliantly to a large and appreciative audience of parents and members of the community.

Our science teachers joined in the festivities on Thursday by running an astronomy session on the field using special filters to observe and track sun spots. Meanwhile our special guest DJs were spinning the disks in the diner and taking spaced-themed requests.

The week drew to a close on Friday with a special eco-friendly percussion workshop where students built Taiko drums using old car tyres and parcel tape before composing rhythms to perform as an ensemble at break time. The instruments sounded fantastic and were played expertly by our year 7 percussionists. Friday lunch featured an impromptu jazz fusion performance by our music teachers followed by an exceptional contemporary dance performance by Shirebrook alumni James Murphy and local dancer Lucinda Buckley. Their self-choreographed pieces wowed the large number of students who gathered to watch.

**WHAT A WEEK... BEAM ME UP!!**





## SHIREBROOK ACADEMY – Endowment Trust

The Shirebrook Academy Endowment Trust was set up and funded by its sponsor in 2010, the principal activity of the Fund being to advance education for the benefit of Shirebrook.

The fund is now open to receive and consider applications from individuals who may be students or alumni of the Academy, residents of the local community and from teachers or organisations looking to

fund a project. All applications must be in line with the awards criteria.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or would like further information regarding the application process, please contact Paula Corbett, [pcorbett@shirebrookacademy.org](mailto:pcorbett@shirebrookacademy.org)

Completed applications can be posted to Paula Corbett at the Academy address or emailed as above.



# TIME SWAP



## SWAP TIME NOT MONEY

Could you give an hour of your time to receive an hour of someone else's time?

Gardening - Shopping - Computer Skills  
Music Lessons - Lifts - Decorating  
Visiting People - Community Projects  
Sewing and Much more

To find out more:

Tel: 01629 532049

email: [timeswap@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:timeswap@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Join the scheme at: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/timeswap](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/timeswap)

Do you have time, skills and talents that you could share with others in your community? Do you need a hand with jobs around the house and garden or maybe you would like to learn something new? Then Time Swap could be for you! For every hour you earn helping somebody in your community you then have an hour to spend on something you may like help with. We have members exchanging such a wide variety of skills such as gardening, music lessons, dog walking, sewing & crafts, visiting people for a cuppa and a chat, DIY, help with computers, cooking, learning languages, walking companions and much more.

Anyone interested in taking part in Time Swap must become a member and all exchanges are organised through a Time Swap Officer to ensure everyone is safe and well and that it all runs smoothly. It is a great way to meet new people in your community, help each other and have fun.

You can join the scheme online at

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/timeswap](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/timeswap) or alternatively you can call Derbyshire County Council Time Swap on 01629 532049 and we will be happy to post out a member's pack to you.

If you would like any further information you can contact Louise Hiron, Time Swap Project Officer at [Louise.hiron@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Louise.hiron@derbyshire.gov.uk) or call 07824 606784

**ARE YOU...**  
a local man who wants to help this generation of local boys grow into positive, successful young men?

**SHIREBROOK ACADEMY NEEDS YOU!**



Would you like to help inspire, engage and motivate Shirebrook Academy students?

We are looking for male role models from our community to share: their experiences of growing up and working in the local area, career advice, employment experiences and words of wisdom with our students.

We would like role models from a wide range of careers within the community to help shape the positive choices of Shirebrook's future.



**BOYS WILL BE BOYS BRILLIANT**

Please contact the academy for more details on:

01623 742722



**Are you aged 5-16?**  
**Learn to play badminton!**  
**COME ALONG TO THE BRAND NEW SHIREBROOK JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB**

Shirebrook Leisure Centre  
Park Road, Shirebrook  
NG20 8JQ



**Every Saturday 9-11am**

For more information, please contact our Badminton England coaches:

Scott Williams  
07507827789

Glenn Foye  
07785504109



Find them on Facebook 'Shirebrook JAXjuniorbadmintonclub'





# HANDLING CONFLICT WELL

## Conflict Coaching Programme Launched

We are delighted to announce that we have been working in partnership with the charity CRESST to set up a Conflict Coaching programme at Shirebrook Academy. Twenty-five students from Y9 & Y10 have undergone an intensive two-day Conflict Coaches' training course where they have gained the skills required to help students from Y7 & Y8 work their way through, and find their own solutions, to low level conflict that may be affecting them, such as friendship group issues or online fallings out.

Students can either be referred to a coach by a member of staff or they can self-refer. The conflict coaching sessions are held every lunchtime on the Humanities bridge and will last a maximum of 20mins each. If the student feels they need more coaching after their first session they can return for up to another two sessions. All coaching sessions are confidential and impartial so nothing that is said will be shared with anyone else, unless the coaches feel there is a risk to someone's safety. The coaches' focus is not to solve the problem for the participant but to guide and question them in a way that helps them find their own lasting workable solutions.

"I am really pleased that Shirebrook Academy is participating in this programme. Education is all about empowerment. We want our young people to be empowered to make their own decisions, to choose their own direction in life, to grow into active citizens who can make a positive contribution to their local community. To be able to do this successfully they need to understand themselves and how to work well with others and what to do when things go wrong. Conflict cannot be avoided but by learning to manage situations and avoid escalating the problem young people can learn to work cooperatively and resolve tensions, making everyone's life more pleasant and productive." **Mr Cottingham**

CRESST, our partner in this programme, have been delivering conflict resolution training in schools for over 14 years at both primary and secondary level, if you would like to know more about them visit their website at: [www.cresst.org.uk](http://www.cresst.org.uk)

# Music Lessons

Does your child have an interest in learning to play a musical instrument?

Here at the Academy we have an excellent team of specialist musicians who visit us weekly to provide lessons in brass (trumpet, cornet, horn, trombone, euphonium and tuba), woodwind (flute, clarinet and saxophone), strings (violin and viola), guitar (electric, acoustic and bass) and drum kit.

Learning an instrument is an excellent way to develop self-esteem, resilience, organisation, coordination, thinking skills and problem solving as well presenting the opportunity to make new friends and gain confidence. Once your child has made progress on their instrument they will be invited to join one of the Academy's musical ensembles such as Wind Band, Funky Jazz Band, String Orchestra or Choir. They may also have the opportunity to take part in concerts and showcases throughout the year.

All lessons take place during the school day on a rotating timetable to avoid disruption to students' learning.

Lessons are offered at an introductory price for the first six weeks, following this time prices may vary but subsidies are available subject to circumstances.

**If your child is interested, have them collect a letter from Mr Case in the music department.**





SHIREBROOK ACADEMY

# CAREERS EVENING

**TUESDAY**  
**15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

6.00pm - 7.30pm

**What options are available to your son or daughter after Year 11?**

Starts at 6pm with an introduction to progression options.

**A chance to meet local colleges & training providers, including;**

Chesterfield College  
West Notts. College

NHS  
Universities  
Chameleon Construction  
.....and many more!

General careers advice from our careers advisors:

*Danielle Evans  
& Tracy Horton*

**CAREERS**

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[www.shirebrookacademy.org](http://www.shirebrookacademy.org)

@shireacademy

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## Applying for Post 16

Y11 students are advised to apply for college and 6th forms as soon as possible, to allow time to visit and decide which they prefer. Some 6th forms have deadlines as early as November for applications – check each school website for details. Open days at colleges are a good opportunity to find out more about courses, see dates below.

Please contact **Tracy Horton** or **Danielle Evans** at the Academy if you need any support with your career planning.



VISION  
West Nottinghamshire  
College

## OPEN EVENTS

### COLLEGE OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

Saturday 12 Oct 2019 | 10am-1pm | Derby Road  
Thursday 7 Nov 2019 | 5.30-7.30pm | Derby Road  
Saturday 8 Feb 2020 | 10am-1pm | Derby Road  
Thursday 2 July 2020 | 5-6.30pm | Derby Road

### APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING

Thursday 5 Mar 2020 | 5.30-7.30pm | Derby Road

### ENGINEERING OPEN EVENING

Thursday 23 Jan 2020 | 5.30-7pm | Engineering Innovation Centre

### A LEVEL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 26 Sep 2019 | 5.30-7.30pm | Derby Road

### UNIVERSITY-LEVEL

#### University-level open evening

Thursday 24 Oct 2019 | 5.30-7.30pm | Vision University Centre

**Adult education and university-level open evening**  
Thursday 19 Mar 2020 | 5.30-7.30pm | Vision University Centre

**Adult education and university-level open evening**  
Thursday 7 May 2020 | 5.30-7.30pm | Vision University Centre



Register your attendance

[www.wnc.ac.uk](http://www.wnc.ac.uk)

Dates and times are correct at the time of print.

**Chesterfield  
College**

## OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 16 October, 4.30-7pm

Saturday 23 November, 10.30am-1.30pm

Wednesday 29 January, 4.30-7pm

Tuesday 17 March, 4.30-7pm

Saturday 13 June, 10.30am-1.30pm

For apprenticeship open events please see website  
[www.chesterfield.ac.uk](http://www.chesterfield.ac.uk)





# Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education SHIREBROOK ACADEMY

The government has recently announced that Relationships and Sex education and Health information will be statutory for primary and secondary schools from September 2020. This subject has been part of our Personal Development (PD) teaching for many years, and we have updated the programme to reflect the new requirements. By the end of secondary school, pupils will have covered the following topics:

- **families**
- **respectful relationships, including friendships**
- **online media**
- **being safe**
- **intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health**
- **mental wellbeing**
- **internet safety and harms**
- **physical health and fitness**
- **healthy eating**
- **drugs, alcohol and tobacco**
- **health and prevention**
- **basic first aid**
- **changing adolescent body**

We teach these subjects through PD days and lessons, assemblies, and through some subjects such as Science and Philosophy and Ethics. We listen to feedback from students and parents to ensure the programme is age appropriate and relevant to students lives. A recent survey of Y9 parents told us:

- Parents want students to be taught about positive relationships, contraception and sexual health
- Parents felt that Online Safety and Healthy relationships were the factors that had the biggest impact on their child's daily life.

#### For further information:

The Academy website has a section for Health and Wellbeing with lots of links to organisations that support young people with different aspects of this subject (follow the links from 'student' or 'parent' sections).

Please contact Tracy Horton at Shirebrook Academy if you would like any further information



**Get the facts**  
on Relationships  
and Sex Education

[www.Gov.uk](http://www.Gov.uk) – search for 'Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education' to see the government guidance for schools and information for parents.



**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>



# Y11 HORNSEA



## Oh we do like to be beside the seaside ...

On Thursday 19th September, our Y11 Geography pupils enjoyed a day at Hornsea to collect data as part of their GCSE course. Luckily, the weather was gloriously sunny and pupils had the opportunity to use a range of fieldwork equipment to explore coastal processes and differences in the quality of housing. Pupils were impeccably behaved and an absolute credit to themselves and the Academy.

**I-Venture**  
**NOT LONG NOW...**



*Thank You*

### Thanks must go to:

- The students involved for their amazing commitment and dedication to the initiative.
- The school and its staff for their continued support. In particular Mr Cottingham and Mr Gilbert for allowing so many fundraising events at the school.
- The parents and their families who have supported all these events.
- Paul and Carla Gillon with Marketing Wolf for their sponsorship of t-shirts at fundraising events.
- Shirebrook Coop for allowing us to bag pack in their store.
- Shirebrook Welfare for allowing us to host the fundraising night for free as well as a Bingo/ Gingo night.
- Sports direct for their amazing support and donation of kit and vouchers.
- The Four Seasons – Mansfield for allowing us to gift wrap and fundraise at the Hive.
- Claire Bergmann and Clare Talati from Derbyshire Education Business Partnership who without them this programme would not be running. They have put hours into ensuring this trip goes ahead and making sure it will be an experience of a lifetime.



It's only a few weeks now until 4 Shirebrook students embark on an incredible adventure to South Africa. On October 21st Karma Edmunds, Ross Collier, Isaac Fisher and Kelsey Hind will all travel to the southern county of Kwa Zulu Natal where they will take part in a number of exciting activities. The Shirebrook students are part of the I-venture initiative organised by the Bolsover District Council and will join students from Stubbin Wood, Frederick Gents School and Tibshelf School. Departing from Heathrow Airport, they will travel 11 hours through the night, once in South Africa they will meet their Leader Angus and will make their way to the Zingela Bush campsite to begin phase 1 of 2 of their South African experience.



## Phase one: Zingela Bush camp experience

During this phase the students will be part of environmental and conservational education with particular attention being given to the South African Giraffe Research.

Following their time out in the wild, the group will visit a local Zulu community school- this will be a great opportunity for the students to see how schools around the world differ from Shirebrook Academy and how fortunate we are here.

As well as visiting a local school we will also be taking a trip to a local orphanage. Students are looking to take a teddy and a few toys in their rucksacks to donate, this will be of great benefit to the orphanage where money is tight. As well as taking toys we have had an amazing donation of over 45 washable nappies from "The nappy lady" an incredible gesture which will mean so much to the orphanage.



## Phase Two: Amakhosi Bush Camp

This phase is mainly animal based, students will be taking part in threatened species conservation education, through safari drives and bush trekking. It is at this stage that the group are more likely to see the BIG 5 (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and Cape buffalo). The term was coined by big-game hunters, and refers to the five most difficult animals in Africa to hunt on foot.

When the group leave Amakhosi bush camp they will drive to Twin Streams Hippo Education at St Lucia Wetland area where they will cruise along the river as a celebration of their 10 days in South Africa and how far they have come.

This is another amazing opportunity for the students to see the world and how different cultures live. Hopefully this trip will give students a chance to appreciate everything they have here in England and how lucky they are as they see how little some people have.



## It's been a long journey

Getting to this stage has not been easy and has required a lot of hard work and commitment from the group since they were selected back in July 2018. They have given up their own time after school and at weekends to raise money to fund the trip. Each student has had to raise a minimum of £1500 each. All students have completed this with time to spare. Fundraising highlights include; our fundraising night back in November at Shirebrook Welfare, Christmas gift wrapping, sponsored swims, bag packs and family fun days.

The Shirebrook IVenture group also did a really good presentation at the annual Civic Service followed by a lovely tea at Whitwell Community centre - many thanks to Cllr Tom Munro who has been very supportive of the project

They have given up evenings to sell tea and coffee at school events, given up weekends to sit in the cold at car boots, pick up horse poo and complete training events. The efforts put in by all involved is just incredible and a credit to the students themselves.





PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE KEY DATES  
THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR

# DIARY DATES

## OCTOBER 2019

- 8 Year 7 Settling in evening
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 17 Y11 Sports Direct / College tasters  
Personal Development Day  
Paris Trip Parents Evening 6-7pm
- 18 Mission STEM – Bletchley Park Computing
- 19 Everest Challenge – Whernside
- 22 Celebration of Success Evening  
Y7/8 Rugby Day
- 24 INSET Day
- 25 INSET Day
- 28-1 Half Term Week

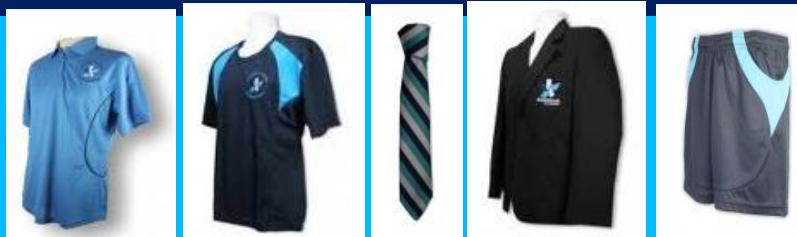
## NOVEMBER 2019

- 4 Return to School
- 4-8 Humanities Week
- 11-15 Anti-Bullying Week
- 12 Y9 Leadership Hub Academy
- 19 Y10 Student Progress Parents Meeting
- 21 Y7 Leeds Armouries Trip  
D of E Presentation Evening
- 27 Y7 RSE Parents Evening
- 28 Y7 Leeds Armouries Trip  
Y10 Mock Interviews
- 29-31 Paris Trip

## DECEMBER 2019

- 2-6 Literacy Week
- 3 Y11 Student Progress Parents Meeting
- 5-6 London Arts Residential
- 9-13 Arts Week
- 9 Personal Development Day
- 11 Christmas Concert
- 13 Carols in the Market Place
- 20 Staff Panto / Christmas Jumper Day  
Finish for Christmas Break

# ACADEMY UNIFORM



## PE Kit

Also available:  
Tracksuit bottoms and Skorts.  
Various Sizes



Uniform can be ordered and paid for via  
**Parentpay**, at student reception, or 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

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

## 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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