



SHS LIFE

Forthcoming Events:

6 - 10 November 2017

Year 10 English Literature
Mock Examinations

6 - 17 November 2017

Year 11 Mock Examinations

16/17 November 2017

'The Skills Show' at
Birmingham NEC
for Year 9 students

17 November 2017

Non-Uniform Day for 'Children
In Need' and 'Anti-Bullying
Week' £1 per person

20 November 2017

Year 7 & 8 Additional Parents'
Evening by invitation only

29 November 2017

Birmingham Frankfurt
Christmas Market Trip for MFL
students in Years 9 to 11

Quote of the Week

**"Don't count the days.
Make the days count."**

Muhammad Ali

Word of the Week

Opulent

Meaning: Extravagant and
luxurious.

Typical use: "The opulent table
was made of solid gold."

We hope you had a great half term break and are looking forward to an eventful and industrious second half of the autumn term. During the half term holidays we have seen the removal of the temporary classroom pods in readiness for the groundworks to begin on our new English and mathematics block. We will keep you regularly updated over the coming months as we watch the new building take shape.

Our Year 11 students have returned to school to prepare for their first mock examinations of their GCSE year. These mock examinations are incredibly important in preparing the students for their final examinations in the summer and alert their teachers to those topics which need to be revisited to ensure everyone meets their full potential. A whole host of revision resources and support material has been given to students, including specific skills on how to memorise key information. Links to revision websites can also be found on our school website www.shs.worcs.sch.uk under the 'Exams' section under the 'Parents' header.

During the half term break, staff took a group of 54 students on a football tour to Germany. The trip was a huge success with everyone experiencing some amazing sights as well as playing against foreign players. As is customary with our students, the teachers involved have had nothing but praise for the excellent behaviour and conduct of our students throughout the entire trip.

SHS students are making the finishing touches to shoeboxes full of small gifts for the 2017 Christmas Box Appeal in association with The Trussell Trust. This has always been a well-supported cause at SHS, with students and staff rallying round to donate gifts to the less fortunate and this year's collection is looking amazing once again.

Tonight many of our VIth Form Students and staff will be volunteering to act as marshals at the Stourport Sports Club 'Bonfire and Firework Display'. We are always proud of our students who take time out to support local community events.

From us all at SHS have a sparkling and safe weekend.

Ms Lorna Deakin
Principal

Macmillan Coffee Morning



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and cookies for our bake sale on 30 September 2017. We are so excited to announce that we raised a grand total of £423 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done everyone!!

Students of the Week

Harry Waldron 7VR
nominated by Ms E Kitonga

Richard Darkins 8SW
nominated by Miss S Walsh

Hayley Morris 9GB
nominated by Ms T Conannon

Harry Todd 10IG
nominated by Mr I Griffiths

Georgina Luxton 11HF
nominated by Mrs A Jager-Jones

Livvy O'Loghlen 12JC
nominated by Mrs M Harner

Drama Enrichment

Our drama enrichment students are a variety of ages across the whole school with varying experience and abilities. Nonetheless, they have been working really hard since September towards a performance of their monologues, where they stand and perform a piece on their own - which is quite an achievement, as any teacher will tell you if they are asked to take an assembly! To have spent time and effort to make the piece interesting to an audience; to have created a character; to have developed their voices, body language and gestures appropriately for the character; all these things are an indication of how much progress every student who has been following the Monologues/Duologues Enrichment Course has achieved. Mrs Cooke, leading the



drama enrichment sessions said "I am so very proud of them and their performances, but more by their support of each other in this journey so far. This supportive, encouraging atmosphere in which they work has made them all feel comfortable to perform so well". Many students have achieved a Gold standard in their performance, which is outstanding and all students are to be proud of their achievement. The support of the VIth Form students who have each taken a turn to lead the warm-up sessions every week has been invaluable. They have worked individually with the younger students, imparting their knowledge. Mrs Cooke added "seeing the fruits of their encouragement has been wonderful to witness. What an amazing group and how lucky we all are to have the opportunity to undertake this course and experience together!"

Mock Examination Season

November sees the beginning of our 'Mock Examination Season' for our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students. Letters and a timetable have been sent home to parents/carers and posted on our website under 'Notices to Parents'. In addition to this, we would like to offer our support at this crucial time and remind you of a number of resources which are available to parents/carers to support your son/daughter: www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/parents/exams/support-guidance-during-exams/

Good support from family is intrinsic to examination success for our students. This section of the website is designed to offer practical advice for parents/carers, so that you are well equipped to help your child manage and prepare for all aspects of the examination process.

Open Evening

The VIth Form Open Evening on Thursday 19 October was a great success, as we were joined by Year 10 and 11 students and their parents/carers to take a tour of the new facilities and speak to our team of academic and pastoral staff about our courses and the support we offer our Post 16 students. VIth Form students were on-hand to guide visitors and to share their experiences to date.

Matthew Adams, our VIth Form President, welcomed visitors before handing over for a presentation by Ms Deakin, our Principal. The feedback we received from our visitors that night has been very positive and we are already seeing applications from SHS and external students for Post 16 places.

To apply for The Stourport VIth Form College visit our website: www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/parents/term-dates or request a prospectus from Main Reception.

Football Tour to Duisburg

On Saturday 21 October, 54 students embarked on a five day football tour to Duisburg in Germany. The tour was organised to reward these students for regularly representing the school to a high standard and to give them the opportunity to play football against foreign opposition in a foreign country.

The trip included a bowling and pizza evening; two fixtures against local teams; two 90-minute training sessions; a tour of Signal Iduna Park Stadium, the home of Borussia Dortmund and entry to the Borusseum, the Club's museum; as well as trips to Phantasialand Theme Park and the AQUApark in Oberhausen. All teams were successful with the 'A' team winning convincingly in both of their fixtures.

The group were also lucky enough to watch a Bundesliga match between FC Köln and SV Werder Bremen before returning to Stourport safe and sound on Wednesday evening.



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