

The Stourport High School & VI<sup>th</sup> Form College  
Performing Arts  
Presents...

# A Christmas Showcase

Ticket prices:  
Adults £5:00  
Concessions £3:50  
To include festive nibbles



Thursday 1  
December 2016

School Hall  
At 6:00pm  
Doors open at 5:45pm

Tickets are now available for our  
Christmas Concert from Miss Lewis



## Christmas Box Appeal 2016

2015 - 286
2014 - 330
2013 - 370
2012 - 404
2011 - 241
2010 - 265
2009 - 230
2008 - 295
2007 - 391
2006 - 311

CAN WE BEAT THE  
RECORD OF 404 SHOE  
BOXES?



Deadline - Friday 11th November  
Boxes to Room 91

4 November 2016



# SHS Life

## The Stourport High School & VI<sup>th</sup> Form College

An Academy and National Teaching & Support School

Mr C King MSC PGCE NPQH - Executive Principal

### Forthcoming Events:

**11 November 2016**

Deadline for Shoebox Appeal  
gift boxes to Room 91

**14 November 2016**

Years 7 & 8 Girls IT Club starts

**17 November 2016**

SCITT Open Evening for  
prospective trainee teachers

**17 & 18 November 2016**

Year 9 Skills Show Trip to NEC

**18 November 2016**

Non-Uniform Day raising money  
for Children in Need

**18 November 2016**

KS3/4 School Cross Country

**GCSE Revision Resources**

Find useful subject information  
and coursework specifications:  
[www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/parents/  
exams/support-guidance-during-  
exams](http://www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/parents/exams/support-guidance-during-exams)

**Events Calendar**

For more details of all school  
events, please visit  
[www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/events](http://www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/events)

Quote of the Week

**"Take rest; a field that  
has rested gives a  
bountiful crop"**

Ovid

**We hope you had a great half term break** and are looking forward to an eventful and industrious second half of the autumn term. Our Year 11 students have returned to school to embark on 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 for all subjects with links to revision websites which can also be found on our school website [www.shs.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.shs.worcs.sch.uk) under the 'Parents/ Exams' menu.

During the half term break, staff took a group of 48 Year 9 and 10 students to Iceland. The trip was a huge success with everyone experiencing some amazing sights. As is customary with our students, the teachers involved have had nothing but praise for the excellent behaviour and conduct throughout the entire trip.

SHS students are also in the midst of our annual collection of shoe boxes full of small gifts for the 2016 Christmas Box Appeal in association with the Trussell Trust. This has always been a well-supported cause at SHS, the deadline is Friday 11 November is fast approaching, therefore we need to ensure we rally round and continue our excellent record in providing gifts to the less fortunate.

Finally, Tuesday 1 November was a very important day this week, as work commenced on our new VI<sup>th</sup> Form College site. We are all very excited about this fantastic new facility and will bring you regular updates on its progress.

From us all at SHS have a great weekend.

**Mr C King - Executive Principal**

### Icelandic Adventure

Students from Years 9 and 10 spent the half term break in Iceland. They all layered up to brave the chilly Arctic wind to explore the impressive landscapes of Iceland. Highlights during the week included trips to Laugardalur Swimming Pool in Reykjavik to enjoy a heated outdoor swim, hot tubs, whirlpools and large waterslide; driving over the snowy Hellisheiði mountain pass with magnificent views of the wide plains formed by glacial rivers; and the Thingvellir National Park, a remarkable geological and historical site where they experienced having one foot on the Eurasian plate and the other on the North American plate! We also had the chance to visit some impressive waterfalls, including Gullfoss and Seljalandsfoss, where students could climb behind the waterfall; the Strokkur Geyser which erupts every few minutes spouting up to 30 metres in the air and the huge glacier with striking rainbows dotted through the sky.



They were truly lucky to see the unforgettable and quite spectacular Northern Lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis, dancing round in fantastic colours across the Arctic sky, as well as experiencing a morning dip in the famous Blue Lagoon. This really was the trip of a lifetime.



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## Home School Communication

Effective, timely, communication is key to the success of any positive home school relationship. To further improve our home school communication we have invested in a new system called InTouch, which will allow us to automatically use email and text avenues of communication, using our most up to date parent/carer contact information.

Until Christmas we intend to trial the InTouch system alongside our current communication methods for all home school correspondence with you. This means that from the week beginning Monday 7 November 2016 we will use email in addition to the current paper versions of any home school correspondence. The email will go to the Primary Contact on our school system. Please note that in future that it is our intention to send a copy of the email to the student's school email address so that they will be able to print any attachments if needed. This is a currently a work in progress and we appreciate your patience until this is available. We will also send an additional email to the nominated contact for any dual correspondence. We understand that some families do not have an email account and if this is the case we will continue to communicate with you via the student and/or by post. If you have access to email however have not provided us with a valid email address and would like to receive school communication in this manner please send the details into school with your son/daughter so the email address(es) can be added to our contact information.

We already use a text service to inform the Primary Contact of some detentions and with effect from Monday 7 November 2016 we will be using the InTouch text messaging for all detentions. The new system will allow you to respond if necessary. We will also use the InTouch text service to inform the Primary Contact of student absences and any punctuality issues. Text messages may also be sent to inform the Primary Contact of any upcoming events that we are holding as a reminder. We recognise that some families do not have a device that will accept text messaging and in these cases we will contact the Primary Contact by telephone and/or post if we do not have a mobile telephone number.

### 10K Memorial Run for War Hero

George Bennett 7LM ran a charity 10K after school on Tuesday 1 November 2016 on Stourport Sports Club's running track as part of a school challenge.



Pictured here with Mr King, our Executive Principal in front of our memorial plaque for fallen ex-SHS students, George has raised over £200 for the Royal British Legion in honour of his great, great grandfather John Calcott who died in World War 1 and who featured in the summer edition of our SHS Life magazine in July 2016.



## Join the TechFuture Girls Club

**Are you a girl in Year 7 or 8?**

Would you like to learn about how to mix music, arrange a fashion show, design your own apps, make music videos and so much more?!

Every Tuesday from 3:45pm - 4:45pm starting Tuesday 14 November 2016

Sign up with Miss Dimmock in Room C41 or Lab 27 during Actus.  
Full details can be found on the school website under the 'Beyond the Classroom' section.

### Students of the Week

**Kieran Wager 7LP**  
nominated by Mrs T Round  
**Veronica Wong 8JK**  
nominated by Mrs G Baxter  
**Ellis Brogan 9KW**  
nominated by Mr C Owens  
**Ellie Cooper 10AJ**  
nominated by Miss K Smith  
**Georgia Wiley 11TC**  
nominated by Miss R Ward

### VI<sup>th</sup> Form College Construction Begins

It is week one of our VI<sup>th</sup> Form building project, with work commencing on Tuesday 1 November 2016 as planned. The construction team have arrived on site and began marking out the ground next to the LQ Arena and will be accessible via Windermere Way from September 2017.

Stepnells are the main contractors, bulldozers and skips are already in place. We are very excited to share this news with you. Additional images will be posted under the VI<sup>th</sup> Form 'News and Events' page on the school website.

Please be aware that the construction site is out of bounds to all students, staff and members of the public during the next 35 weeks. We will keep you regularly updated as the building rises from the ground.



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