

7 October 2016

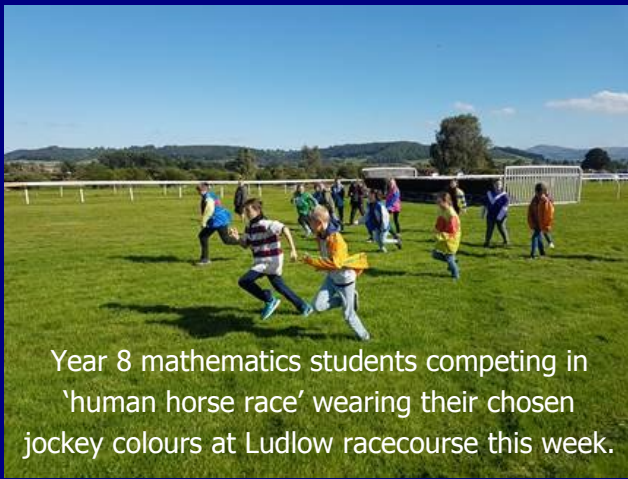


**SHS Life**

**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



Year 8 mathematics students competing in 'human horse race' wearing their chosen jockey colours at Ludlow racecourse this week.

### Forthcoming Events:

**10 - 13 October 2016**

Year 13 Mock Examinations

**12 October 2016**

SCITT Open Evening

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Find out about training to become a teacher at SHS

**13 October 2016**

School Experience Day for prospective teachers

**14 October 2016**

'Pyramid Schools' Performing Arts Festival in the Hall

**14 October 2016**

Teaching School Day

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS**

**20 October 2016**

VI<sup>th</sup> Form College Open

Evening 6:00pm - 8:00pm

[www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/vith-form/](http://www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/vith-form/)

Quote of the Week

**"It always seems impossible until it is done."**

Nelson Mandela

**I am delighted that our students** had the exciting opportunity to take part in National Poetry Day on Thursday 6 October 2016. Years 7 and 8 students took part in an English Faculty competition. They also enjoyed working on Dub Poetry in English lessons, where the spoken word is placed over reggae rhythms which originates from the West Indies in the 1970's.

There have been a number of trips for students this week, with the Mathematics Department taking a group of Year 8 students to Ludlow Racecourse to discover how mathematics is used in horse racing. Whilst 25 of our Year 9 students enjoyed a performance at The Swan Theatre in Worcester to see 'To Kill A Mockingbird' by Harper Lee as part of their GCSE English coursework.

On Thursday evening we welcomed parents/carers of our Years 7 and 12 students to our Tutor Evening, where tutors shared information on how students have settled into their new year groups here at SHS.

This week we received news that the tender for our new VI<sup>th</sup> Form block has been awarded and we have a start date of 1 November, the build is anticipated to take 35 weeks and will be ready to welcome students in September 2017. We will keep you updated with progress over the next few months.

Looking ahead to the end of the month, mock examinations for Year 11 students begin immediately after the half term break and we are actively encouraging students to take full advantage of these to prepare for next summer. There are useful printable revision planners and calendars available under the 'Parents' section of the school website, please take a look at 'Support and Guidance during Exams'. I would also like to wish all Year 13 students good luck for their mock examinations next week.

From us all at SHS, have a great weekend.

Mr C King - Executive Principal

### Building start date for new VI<sup>th</sup> Form College

We have received news this week that the construction of our new state-of-the-art VI<sup>th</sup> Form College will commence on 1 November 2016. It is expected that this work will take 35 weeks and be ready for our VI<sup>th</sup> Form students to use in September 2017.

We invite all Year 11 students to attend the VI<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening on Thursday 20 October to find out more about our courses and the new facilities. Please note that the deadline for applications is Friday 13 January 2017.





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## National Poetry Day

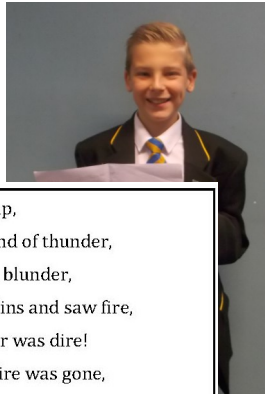
National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration of poetry and all things poetical which took place on Thursday 6 October 2016.

SHS staff submitted their favourite poems which were displayed around the English Faculty building. Students created their own Dub Poetry, where they recited their poems over a reggae rhythm. This style of poetry originated from the West Indies in the 1970's; the most famous dub poet being Bob Marley.

Students poems were selected in a Colleges competition. The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Lewis Shepherd 7Hr (photographed alongside his winning poem), 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (joint poem) Harrison Costello 8MC and

Josh Bishop 8MC, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Jayden Newell 8DW.



Suddenly I wake up,  
but not to the sound of thunder,  
everyone was in a blunder,  
I opened my curtains and saw fire,  
The need for water was dire!  
The next day the fire was gone,  
Was it a dream?

I went outside posters everywhere,  
Was this the mayor?  
The posters said 'Join Now!'  
But I was wondering how?  
A war had started,  
I was determined to join,  
To fight and serve for my beloved country.

By Lewis Shepherd 7Hr

## Students of the Week

Sam Spencer 7LM  
nominated by Mrs K Walker  
Bella Davies 8JK  
nominated by Miss A Bidie  
Sophie Harries 9MB  
nominated by Mr T Davis  
Jasmine Link 10SM  
nominated by Mrs M Preece  
Jasmin Nickolls 11JB  
nominated by Miss P Derrick

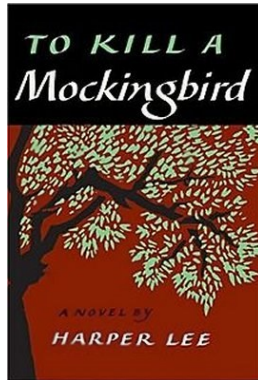
## Shoebox Appeal for 2016

Each Christmas we send hundreds of shoe boxes filled with presents to some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe. Please help us beat our previous record number of 404 in 2012 by delivering all your filled shoeboxes to Room 91 before the deadline on Friday 11 November 2016.

## English Trip to The Swan Theatre

Students in Year 9 enjoyed a trip to the Swan Theatre in Worcester to watch 'To Kill a Mockingbird'. The original novel, written in 1960 by Harper Lee, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and made into an Oscar-winning film in 1962.

The students are studying this book as part of their GCSE coursework and it focuses on family life in America during the Great Depression of the 1930's dealing with racism, loss of innocence, courage and compassion for others.



## The LQ Arena, Stourport

Our fantastic sports facilities are now available for hire. The 'LQ Arena' and outdoor pitches became available for evening, weekend and holiday hire with effect from 1 October 2016. Local company @DELSPORTUK will now be managing all bookings and enquiries.

All enquiries to:  
www.delsportuk.com  
E: delsportuk@outlook.com  
T: 07970 933445 / 07851 319201



Available for hire



## Mathematics Trip To The Races



A group of Year 8 mathematics students took a trip to Ludlow Racecourse this week to find out how mathematics is used in the world of horse racing. Students measured the length and height of fences, looked at how differing weights of the jockeys can affect the performance of the horses and what can be done to make it fair.

All the students enjoyed themselves on the trip and had great fun choosing which horse they thought was going to win the race and cheered them on from the stands.



**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

Select a pot of mixed

fresh fruit for 80p

(Friday lunches only)



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