



# SHS LIFE

## Forthcoming Events:

**13 - 17 November 2017**

Year 11 Mock Examinations  
and Anti-Bullying Week

**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

**18 November 2017**

Tree Planting Day 10am  
Students and families welcome

**20 November 2017**

Year 7 & 8 Targeted Parents'  
Evening by invitation only

**20 - 30 November 2017**

Year 12 Assessments begin

**27 November 2017**

Year 13 Mock Examinations

Quote of the Week

**"Education is not the learning  
of facts, but the training of the  
mind to think."** - Albert Einstein

Word of the Week

**Antithesis**

**Meaning:** the direct opposite.

**Example:** The fictional characters  
of Dumbledore and Voldemort  
in the 'Harry Potter' books by J K  
Rowling are the antithesis of each  
other.

**Today we have been honoured to welcome** to our Remembrance Service a number of very special guests. I would like to thank all students for showing such dignity and respect in these poignant assemblies. As always, their behaviour was impeccable, the respect tangible and our visitors could not praise them enough. Well done and thank you to our student performers: Callum Wheeler who performed an incredible and emotive version of Eva Cassidy's 'Songbird' and GCSE Drama students who superbly performed a piece they had devised themselves showing the impact war has on ordinary families.

Our students are always demonstrating their compassion and empathy for others and another example of this is our 'Children in Need Appeal' next Friday in conjunction with 'Anti-Bullying Week'. We aim to help students learn about the lives of disadvantaged children across the whole of the UK, whilst developing skills such as communication, teamwork and decision-making.

Our VI<sup>th</sup> Form students have elected to have a 'Dress Down Day' and will be wearing blue for 'World Diabetes Day' next week, they will be donating their money towards more important research. Our VI<sup>th</sup> Formers will take part in a number of activities to raise awareness of this complicated condition, learning about the differences between Types 1 and 2, the effects it can have on a person's life once diagnosed and how to prevent it.

Finally, I would like to recognise our Year 10 and 11 students sitting their mock examinations this week for their positive work ethic and attitude, arriving promptly and equipped ready at the start of each session.

Thank you as always for your continued support and have a great weekend.

**Ms Lorna Deakin**  
Principal



## Christmas Cover Competition

We are busy preparing the Christmas Edition of SHS Life which will be another jam-packed, full-colour magazine with a round-up of all the SHS news from this first term of the academic year. We would like to invite all SHS students to design the front cover, in colour and A4 size. All design entries are to be submitted to tutors on paper or by email before Wednesday 22 November 2017. The winning design will be seen by all students, staff and Governors when the magazine is distributed on the last day of term. So, let's get designing!

## Students of the Week

**Jacob Birch 7VR**

nominated by Miss V Radio

**Adam Glover 8LM**

nominated by Mrs A Frenzel

**Talia Sharman 9CG**

nominated by Mrs C Gallagher

**Ellie-May Congrave 10KP**

nominated by Mr N Evans

**Kaleem Khalique 11MW**

nominated by Mrs K Maughan

**Nicole Vasilev 12NP**

nominated by Mr P Holland

## Remembrance Day Service 2017

Today all of our students remembered the fallen soldiers of Stourport during the two World War conflicts and those who have fallen in wars in the past 100 years. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele, or the Third Battle of Ypres, in Belgium on the Western Front where around 700,000 British, Allied and German soldiers were lost or injured during the 3 month campaign. It is important for us to remember those who died for us and to recognise the men of Stourport-on-Severn who went off to war to keep their families safe from foreign invasion.

In addition to our Governors and members of Severn Academies Educational Trust, we were joined today by a number of very special guests from the local community. Amongst the guests were Mrs Sandra Taylor from the 'Remember the Fallen' website who has helped us with the research; our former Chair of Governors Mr Reg Knott and his wife Jenny; Reverend Carey Saleh of St Michael and All Angels Church and her husband; Mr Dennis Simpson, our longest serving member of staff and WWII veteran; Mr and Mrs Owen, parents of our Principal Ms Deakin; and Mrs Baines who, accompanied by her grandson Bradley Cooper 10MB, laid a wreath in remembrance of their relative and ex-student Sergeant George Randle who fought in WWI and was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal. We honour Sergeant Randle in school by naming one of our Colleges after him.



We held three services today in the large hall and all students were invited to join us in a minute's silence. SHS Students took part in the service reading poems, laying wreaths and performing musical tributes which created a poignant atmosphere: Mille Gardner 7PS, Harry Everett 8LM, Bradley Cooper 10MB, Billy Moule 11SM, Jess Barrett 12TC, Jordan Rowbottom 12TC and Matthew Adams 13Ht. Our international students, in Year 12, paid tribute to the fallen servicemen and women from their home countries: Anne Heinemann, Klara Thein, Peter Dravecky, Gabriele Cipriani, Nicole Vasilev and Lars Kreulen.

Poppies are sold every year in school as part of the 'Poppy Appeal' and students spent time in morning registration researching the Royal British Legion's 2017 campaign to **#RethinkRemembrance**. To us, the poppy is not only a symbol of Remembrance, but also of hope. The first Poppy Appeal was held in 1921, the founding year of The Royal British Legion. Red silk poppies, inspired by the famous First World War poem 'In Flanders Fields', sold out instantly and raised more than £106,000. The funds helped WWI veterans find employment and housing after the war. The following year, the Poppy Factory was set up, employing disabled ex-Servicemen to create the poppies to sell during the appeal. Today, the factory still produces millions of poppies each year. While we will never forget the sacrifices of our past heroes, we will also wear the poppy for our Armed Forces community living on today.

What does the poppy mean to you? Join us on Twitter @stourporthigh using **#RethinkRemembrance** to tell us.

### Positively Mad

On Thursday 9 November, our Year 10 and 11 students enjoyed a workshop presented by the team from PositivelyMAD.com. The theme was 'Mastering Student Motivation' which is designed to motivate students to becoming responsible for their own futures by identifying their own ambitions and the reasons they want to succeed rather than being told to by an adult.



The activities have given our students the opportunity to learn how to be self-motivated by setting themselves healthy, target-centred thinking patterns. It is our hope that the students will then use these new skills during their school day and also apply them to their revision schedules to achieve the results they need to begin the next step in their education or chosen employment.

### Kickboxing Champions

Three SHS students took part in the ICO World Championships Kick Boxing Contest in Solihull on 20 October 2017. We are very proud to say that Shannon Smith 11ND came second in her category, with Jack Gwillam 9CG and Mia Clarke 10JH also doing well in their categories.

All three students train at the Stourport UK Kickboxing Club and have been training hard after school for this event. Shannon told us that she competed in a mat light continuous category and was also put in for two weight categories: one was -65kg where she won her first fight and lost her second. She then went on to fight for the bronze medal which she also lost. At -60kg Shannon won her first fight, lost her second, which resulted in her winning the silver medal.



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