



SHS LIFE

Forthcoming Events:

17 October 2017

GCSE History Trip to
Kenilworth Castle

17 October 2017

French Exchange Trip Returns
to school

17 October 2017

Praise Evening:
SHS 'Movie Night'
6pm - 8:30pm

19 October 2017

VIth Form Open Evening
6pm - 8pm
All Year 10 & 11 students are
welcome to come along with
their parents/carers

20 October 2017

TED Day - School closed

23 - 27 October 2017

Half Term Week

Quote of the Week

**"Every accomplishment
starts with the decision to
try."**

Word of the Week

Transient

Meaning: lasting only for a
short time / impermanent.

Typical use: "The transient
storm passed through our town
rather quickly."

The week began with another well attended Parents' Evening for our Year 11 students. Meetings with tutors are crucial in our students' final year of their GCSEs and I would like to thank parents/carers for taking the time to come along.

Students from our VIth Form were invited along to the studios at Free Radio in Birmingham on Wednesday afternoon to spend time with their digital team. Year 12 students Joe Walsh, Dan Stokes and Livvy O'Loughlen gained valuable experience editing a promotional video of the new VIth Form College which we will be airing for the first time this afternoon at the Grand Opening.

Next Tuesday we will be hosting the first of our 'SHS Movie Nights' for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 in recognition of their outstanding attendance, behaviour and attitude. The film will be 'Star Wars Episode 7: The Force Awakens' will be shown in our new VIth Form Theatre and we are already planning the next movie night for later in the year.

As a supporter of anti-bullying strategies, The Stourport High School & VIth Form College takes pride in the work our students and staff do and is planning for this year's National Anti-Bullying Week in November: "All Different. All Equal."

Yesterday, we worked with the charity 'Bikers Against Bullying' to ensure that their presence on Windermere Way went smoothly. Their aim was to support the work we already do with young people in school and to raise awareness of bullying that takes place in society amongst people of all ages. Our young people know that bullying has no place in our school and we are grateful of their support in helping us share this message within our wider community.

As always, should a member of our school community experience bullying or know of anyone experiencing this either in or outside of school they can report it to their form tutor or any member of staff. Should you know of any adults in our wider community experiencing such things the following may help www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/ or of course let us know and we can support.

From us all at SHS, we wish you all a restful weekend.

**Ms Lorna Deakin
Principal**

Canoeing For Cancer Research

We would like to congratulate Messrs Evans, Gleeson and Brazier for taking part in a 50 mile down river canoe trip from Bridgnorth to Tewkesbury to raise money in the name of Cancer Research.

The team set themselves a target of £2,000 and they managed to smash this raising an amazing total of £6,500. The canoeists would like to thank everyone for their generosity and kindness in supporting their challenge and chosen charity. This is such a fantastic example to set to our students.



Students of the Week

Libby Edgerton 7Cb
nominated by Mr C Owens

Naomi Griffiths 8SW
nominated by Mrs G Baxter

Megan Branford 9Ro
nominated by Mrs N Gotting

Ben Fisher 10KP
nominated by Miss S Welsh

Matthew Young 11CP
nominated by Mr C Parry

Rebecca Smith 12RH
nominated by Ms E Kitonga

New VIth Form President

We are very pleased to announce that this year's VIth Form Student President is Matthew Adams. On Tuesday 3 October, applicants were interviewed by Ms Deakin and their Directors of Learning: Miss Harwood and Mr Pearson. On Thursday morning all three applicants were invited to deliver speeches to fellow Year 12 and 13 students, followed by a Q & A session. 97% of students turned out to vote using the single transferable vote system commonly used in university student elections and all candidates received a respectable share of the vote with Year 13 student Matthew securing a clear victory.

Matthew has promised, amongst other things, to make himself more accessible to fellow students by setting up an email address through which they can express their concerns and suggestions. His main role will be to Chair the Whole School Council meetings and represent the student body on special occasions including this week's Grand Opening of the new VIth Form College. We are also really pleased to say that the other two candidates, Jess Barrett and Jordan Rowbottom, will continue to represent student views through the VIth Form Council and support the new President in their roles as Vice Presidents.

Did you know ... by just registering your son/daughter for Free School Meals means that the school will receive extra money?

Register now to make sure that we do not miss out!

Every year the Government gives money to schools to help students from lower income families, those in the armed forces children and those adopted from care. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium' and we receive this for each student on roll registered as eligible for 'Free School Meals'. As a school we want to ensure that every student who is entitled to receive a free school meal has applied and this will ensure that your son/daughter eats a balanced diet every day. In recent years this type of funding has also helped us to offer:

- One to one literacy/numeracy tutor support
- Literacy & Numeracy Learning Centres
- Access to educational visits
- Revision guides - Key Stage 4 only
- Financial assistance towards the purchase of a school blazer
- Christmas lunch

To find out if you are eligible and to download the application form, go to www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/parents/pupil-premium. If you are unsure and need further information, please email Mrs Mullard, our Pupil Premium Officer: jmullard@shs.worcs.sch.uk

Groundforce Day at St Bart's

Nine SHS Students donned their wellington boots, grabbed a garden spade or fork and battled against the weeds and long grass in the school garden at St Bartholomew's Primary School last Friday. Guided by Mrs Kelly, the group along with students from Baxter College, volunteered to help clear an overgrown garden with six large raised beds. VIth Form



students Louisa Garland and Rebecca Smith tackled a very dusty and disorganised potting shed.

St Bartholomew's plans to grow their own fruit and vegetables in the spring and the ground work undertaken by our older students on Friday has helped greatly in making this a lot more achievable.

Well done to our students pictured above with their garden tools for doing such a fantastic job: Winnie O'Connor 8SW, Monica Watson 10IG, Kayleigh Kilgour 8Hr, Dan Adams 8LC, Dan Wilson 8Hr, Zachary Broome-Nelson 8SW, Richard Darkins 8SW, Tom Lench 8LP, Kieran Wager 8LP, Louisa Garland 12TC and Rebecca Smith 12RH.

SMSC Days at SHS

Monday 16 October sees the first of four Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education (SMSC) Days this year for all year groups. SMSC covers valuable topics for young people to learn which fall outside of the normal subject curriculum, which will help to prepare our students to be successful and engaged citizens both now and in the future. These topics include careers guidance, sex and relationships, health and drugs education, conflict resolution, citizenship rights and responsibilities, topical debates, the law and the environment. This year we are committed to letting you know in advance what each day will involve so that you can help us to emphasise the importance of attending these days in preparing for life beyond the school gates.

On Monday students will be experiencing the following:

Year 7: Environmental education - looking at both local issues and coral reefs.

Year 8: An enterprise day - designing and marketing a product

culminating in a 'Dragon's Den' type activity.

Year 9: Managing personal safety and harm reduction - a series of workshops from outside agencies.

Year 10: Two sessions: one on employability skills and preparing for the workplace; the other on conflict resolution.

Year 11: Two sessions: one on Post-16 options and planning ahead of applications to VIth Form or apprenticeships; the other on conflict resolution.

Year 12: Transferable Skills - organisation, recall, public speaking plus a current affairs discussion.

Year 13: Study skills for successful Year 13 students, plus a current affairs discussion.



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