

16 September 2016



SHS Life

**The Stourport High School &
VIth Form College**

An Academy and National Teaching & Support School

Mr C King MSC PGCE NPQH - Executive Principal



Forthcoming Events:

22 September 2016

Whole School Open Evening
6:00pm - 8:00pm
For prospective Year 7
students interested in joining
us in September 2017

29 September 2016

Year 13 Parents' Evening

27 - 30 September 2016

Year 7 Cognitive Abilities
Tests, New Group Reading
Tests and Mathematics
Assessments.

12 October 2016

SCITT Open Evening
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Events Calendar

All school events are listed on
the Events Calendar on our
website. For the latest
information go to:
[www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/
events/](http://www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/events/)

Quote of the Week

**"Education is our passport to
the future, for tomorrow
belongs to the people who
prepare for it today"**

Malcolm X

Celebration of Outstanding Achievement

On Thursday 15 September 2016 we celebrated the success of many of our upper school students during this year's Celebration Evening. Thursday's event recognised the achievements of a selection of students from Years 10 to 13 as identified by subjects and Directors of Learning although I am very proud of the achievements of all our students.

It was particularly pleasing to see the return of some of our Year 11 leavers as they were rewarded for their achievements.

Staff and parents/carers joined our award winners to celebrate their success in specific subjects. In addition, our Directors of Learning selected students from their year groups who have deservedly made a significant impression this year. These and a further six students named as 'Students of the Year' received a trophy in recognition of their substantial commitments and endeavours in representing their College, the School and themselves admirably.

It is always great to welcome back ex-students. This year we were delighted to welcome Mr Chris Yates as our special guest who has gone on to become a songwriter and composer for various artists. Last night, his performance, accompanied by Lucy Blount, was incredible and very well received by everyone. A big thank you to all who attended and everyone who supported the evening to help make it a success.

From us all at SHS have a great weekend.

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Outstanding Achievements Trophy Winners

Director of Learning Awards

Year 10: Georgia Wiley

Year 11: Luke Ward

Year 12: Hayley Condon

Year 13: Sophie Turbutt



Student of the Year Awards

Year 10: Georgina Knott, Tamara

Ivancova and Elsie Cole

Year 11: Anjani Bhardwaj

Year 12: Lexie Palmer

Year 13: Alex Mapp



Please note: The full list of all winners including subject awards can be found on the school website: <http://www.shs.worcs.sch.uk/parents/notices-to-parents>



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SSAT
Educational
Outcomes
Award 2014



Keys to Success

We have compiled a list of helpful points for parents/carers to ensure all students make a great start and achieve their very best over the school year.

- **Homework/revision** - Supporting students at home to revise and complete homework is vital, however this needs to be balanced with encouraging them to be self-motivated and take more responsibility for their own learning.
- **Finding out about their day** - It may seem hard sometimes to extract details of what the students have been doing. Asking about their day and encouraging them to share stories, successes or things that did not go so well can be a great opportunity to celebrate with them and offer encouragement with anything the students find difficult.
- **Attendance** - Time away from school creates missed opportunities for learning. Ensuring your child attends school, goes to lessons and, most importantly, understands the necessity of making the most of lesson-times is vital to them reaching their potential. Punctuality to registration and their lessons is crucial for feeling prepared and ready to study.
- **Parents' Evenings** - By attending parents' evenings and asking questions you become fully equipped on how to best help your child at home. We welcome parents getting in touch at any time to make sure potential problems are nipped in the bud and asking the questions your child cannot or is not comfortable to ask.
- **Good organisation** - Students vary in their ability to take responsibility for their learning and organisational skills. To get the most out of their lessons they need to be fully equipped. The checklist of important equipment opposite will ensure your child has everything they need during the school day.
- **Useful resources** - Students have access to a wealth of additional resources through TV programmes, theatre productions, films and exhibitions which are all relevant to your child's learning. Hopefully you can enjoy them together!
- **A good night's sleep** - A crucial aspect of achieving at school is to make sure that students get enough sleep. Research has proven that irregular bedtimes and insufficient sleep has a huge impact on a child's ability to engage fully in their lessons and achieve their potential.
- **A good diet** - Substantial research establishes clear links between eating breakfast and increased measures of concentration and focus. Breakfasts matter more on school days than any other. We provide brunch and lunch periods for all students to consume plenty of snacks and drinks to maintain hydration during the day.

Year 8's Go Sailing!

During the last week of the summer holidays Mr Brazier took four Year 8 students sailing in Norfolk. Toby Warren, Ethan Lowe, Owen Bourne and Xander Crawshaw all had a fantastic week and learnt a huge amount sailing yachts on the rivers and broads in Norfolk and had the opportunity to meet other staff and students from schools in the West Midlands.

Well done to all four lads for their hard work last week, trying something new in a very different environment.



At the start of my lesson:

- Stand behind your chair in silence
- Put your equipment out on your table
- Wait to be told to sit down

*It is your **RESPONSIBILITY** to check you have the right equipment **BEFORE** the lesson begins!*

Cycling Success

Miss Bidie took part in a 1000 mile charity cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats over the summer holidays.

The group of riders have raised over £10,000 collectively for the charity Headway and that amount continues to rise. Miss Bidie said that the fund raising element was a "brilliant incentive to keep going when the rain, midges and hills started to get to much".



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