



SHS VIth Form A Level Sport students visit University of Gloucestershire



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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:

20 March 2017

Ludlow Castle Field Trip
Year 11 students
9am - 3:30pm

22 March 2017

Parents' Information Evening
Year 9 Twinning Football Trip
to Paris
6:00pm - 6:30pm

23 March 2017

School Experience Day for
prospective trainee teachers
Stourport SCITT

24 March 2017

Red Nose Day

'Bring & Buy Cake Sale'
Please donate your wonderful
baked goods or pay £1 for a
piece of cake

30 March 2017

Year 8 Parents' Evening
4pm - 7pm
**Note: School closes at 3pm
for all year groups**

Quote of the Week

**"Real generosity is doing
something nice for someone
who will never find out."**

Frank Howard Clark

It has been another busy week of activities at SHS as we welcomed British author, David J Brazier, on Tuesday 14 March to talk to our Year 7 and 8 students about 'Never giving up'. David engaged the students by telling them a story from his latest book on survival in the most extreme situations.

On Wednesday a group of Year 12 and 13 students visited the University of Gloucestershire for a 'Why Study Sport' Taster Day. They took part in a Sport Coaching Workshop and a Physiology Workshop, enjoyed a talk on various sports courses, followed by a tour of the campus.

It is also British Science Week 2017 and to celebrate this, a group of science students from Years 7, 8 and 9 attended 'The Big Bang Fair' at the NEC, Birmingham yesterday. Students had the chance to see what they have been learning in school being put to good use in the real world in engineering and science related jobs.

Last night's Year 9 Parents' Evening was well attended and the feedback from parents/carers has been encouraging. Many see the new online booking system as a great improvement and we will continue to offer this service to the parents/carers of Year 8 students to book their appointments for Thursday 30 March 2017.

Finally, today is 'World Sleep Day'. Lack of sleep or poor quality sleep is known to have a significant negative impact on our health in the long and short term: next day effects include a negative impact on our attention span, memory recall and learning; the longer term effects include significant health problems, such as obesity, diabetes and weakened immune systems. Students are invited to take up our challenge of at least 9 hours of sleep tonight, to see if it really can make a difference.

From everyone here at SHS, we wish you all a great weekend.

Mr C King
Executive Principal

Never Give Up!

David J Brazier came to talk to Year 7 and 8 students on Tuesday 14 March 2017. A former SHS student, David has recently published his first novel for teenagers titled 'Alone' which tells the story of Sam, a teenage boy, who is washed up on an island after the plane he and his father were travelling in crashes and how Sam befriends a baby otter and how, together, they survive the jungle to stay alive.

The theme of David's talk was 'Never give up' with stories of various role models who spurred him on when he faced rejection and conflict. He shared photographs of some amazing places on his travels and read two passages from his book. David encouraged the students to get involved by naming the exotic fish in his photographs and by thinking about what they would need to survive on a desert island, coming up with 5 key priorities. At the end of the afternoon, students were invited to ask questions and David kindly signed copies of his book for students including one for Lauren Phillips 7ZW, James Cooper 7SW and Matthew Burford 7ZW.



Red Nose Day - Cake Appeal

Friday 24 March 2017 will be the 30th Comic Relief Day or Red Nose Day since the charity was launched back in 1985. Following the success of the 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' back in September, students and staff will be raising money for this amazing charity with a 'Bring and Buy Cake Sale'. Please donate your delicious cakes and biscuits for our sale next Friday and pay just £1 a piece.

We will announce the total raised in next week's newsletter. We cannot do it without you, so please give generously.



Gymnastics Success

Esme Baines 8TB competed in the 'West Midlands George Finney Set Floor and Vault Championships 2017' for Gymnastics at the weekend at the Fenton Manor Sports Complex in Stoke-on-Trent. Esme, as part of the Wyre Forest Gymnastics Team, finished in 2nd place in the 'Advanced 15 Years & Under' category.



We are extremely proud of Esme who achieved two personal bests in the floor exercise of 9.8 and the vault 8.55. Esme takes her inspiration from the British Olympic gymnast Beth Tweddle and we believe that Esme is one to look out for in the future.

British Science Week

Science students from Years 7, 8 and 9 visited 'The Big Bang Fair' at the NEC, Birmingham on Thursday this week as part of British Science Week.

The Fair took the students on a voyage of discovery of virtual reality, medicine, marine biology, film and TV, space exploration, explosive chemistry, crime-solving, robots, computer coding, microscopic bugs, giant trucks and lots more. Students enjoyed high-octane theatre shows, over 150 interactive stands and workshops, as well as seeing inspiring science and engineering projects. The fair has offered careers information, resources and activities to show a 7 - 19 year old how what they learn at school is used by real people in real jobs in science and engineering.



Students of the Week

Leah Smith 7RU

nominated by Mr C Parry

Billy Smith 8GB

nominated by Miss L Page

Joshua Dyke 9IG

nominated by Miss D Wildgoose

Ink Khanwaeo 10CS

nominated by Mr P Holland

Carly Lappage 11EK

nominated by Miss J Russell

Word of the Week Challenge

Each week in school we have a 'Word of the Week' to encourage students to expand their vocabulary and improve their grammar. With this in mind we would like to set all SHS students with a challenge this weekend to create a short piece of writing of their choice using all of our 'Words of the Week' so far. These are: **industrious, procrastinate, ostentatious, poignant, demeanour, cacophony, rapturous, elucidate, fastidious, plethora, belligerent, incongruous, minuscule, clandestine and spurious.**

Students should hand their entry into Mrs Woodman before Friday 31 March 2017 to be entered into a draw for a mystery prize. Please ensure that the student's name and tutor group is provided.

Parents' Evening Year 8

The Year 8 Parents' Evening taking place later this month will now be booked using our new on-line booking system. Letters were sent home last Friday to parents/carers with full instructions as to how to use the system. If you do not have internet access at home, please call on 01299 872950 to arrange your appointments over the telephone.