

30 June 2017



SHS Life

The Stourport High School & VIth Form College



Some of our special award winners with Ms Deakin and Mr James

An Academy and National Teaching & Support School

Mr C King MSc PGCE NPQH - Executive Principal

Forthcoming Events:

3 & 4 July 2017

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition to Malvern Hills

3 - 14 July 2017

Year 10 Work Experience

6 July 2017

Year 11 Prom Night at Mercure Hotel, Bewdley

7 July 2017

Race for Life 2pm - 3pm
For Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12
Sponsorship forms are available from your tutors

10 & 11 July 2017

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition to Malvern Hills

10, 11 & 12 July 2017

Year 6 Induction Days
9am - 2pm

13 July 2017

Performing Arts Showcase
6pm - 8pm

Quote of the Week

"Don't anger your parents in order to please other people. Those other people did not spend their lives building yours."

Anonymous

It has been a very busy week in school as you might expect at this time of the year. As we near the end of the examinations season, we welcomed Year 11 students to two days of induction into our VIth Form, preparing them for next year with taster lessons and summer super-learning activities. Students are already excited about moving into our new building and getting started!

On Tuesday all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in a 'World Religion Day' delivered through a range of activities including art, music and dance to learn more about the religions and cultures of Hinduism and Judaism, brightening up the outside area with some amazing chalk artwork.

We hosted our annual Pyramid Oscars Awards Ceremony at Worcester Cathedral to celebrate the achievements of our own students and those of our Pyramid primary schools. It was wonderful to share in the successes of our young people and to continue to build strong relationships.

Another example of our commitment to the community and the importance of charity work is the amazing mountain challenge that Mrs Hands and Mrs Duffell completed in Snowdonia at the weekend. To date they have raised almost £3,500 for the Birmingham Children's Hospital. Congratulations to them both.

Next week our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition groups venture off to explore the Malvern Hills, our Year 11 students will celebrate the end of their examinations at their Prom night and our Year 10 and 12 students will begin their work experience placements.

Please note that next Friday we will have a Non-uniform Day, students and staff have been invited to participate in our 'Race for Life' challenge to raise money through sponsorship for Cancer Research UK. Sponsorship forms are available from tutors so make sure you find your running shoes and sign up!

Finally, on another sporting note, we would like to congratulate Jake Whitman 10CS for his performance in the octathlon at the Midland Region Multi Events Meet. Jake was the highest ranked athlete in Hereford and Worcester, setting a new personal best for the long jump. Speaking with me, this week, he told me that next year he is aiming to place in the top five in order to reach the Nationals. We are really proud of Jake and all our athletes.

From all of us at SHS, have a great weekend!

Ms Lorna Deakin

Associate Principal - Head of School

Pyramid Oscars Ceremony

On Wednesday 28 June we celebrated the achievements of our students and those of the pupils of our Pyramid primary schools at a wonderful gathering at Worcester Cathedral.

During this prestigious ceremony, we recognised the attendance and achievements of students in specialist subjects. We would like to congratulate Despina Marcou 9RJ for achieving 100% attendance over the past 10 years and Ben Ward 8Dc for the past 9 years, which are both incredible.

Special awards were given to: Tom Reading 8TB (Artist), Poppy Stant 8Dc (Citizenship), Maycee Cox 7SW (Creative Writing), Leah Evans 9AF (Eco-Warrior), Noushie Hagan 9KT (Endeavour), Sofia Tench 7Hr (Friendship), Hannah Lowe 7LP (Linguist), Cleo Slater 7SW (Mathematician), Max Guarini 7LP (Scientist) and Billy Smith 8GB (Sports Personality).

Mountain Challenge

This week we would like to say congratulations to Mrs Hands and Mrs Duffell who climbed all 15 mountains in Snowdonia to raise much needed money for the Birmingham Children's Hospital.



Mrs Hands godson, Rupert Caple, was born with a serious heart condition which has resulted in him having three lots of open heart surgery at the Birmingham Children's Hospital. With their help and expertise to save his life, Rupert will celebrate his 3rd birthday this month. Mrs Hands said "Birmingham Children's Hospital have been absolutely incredible in their care for him and for his parents so we felt it was time we gave something back."

The challenge that these ladies undertook was the hardest thing that they have ever done, both mentally and physically, climbing all of the mountains in Snowdonia which is over 3,000 feet in one day, a total of 36 miles and over 4,500m in height gain. They started at 4am on Saturday morning and finished at midnight! The group have so far raised almost £3,500 and if you feel that you would like to donate you could make the difference to a child in the future. Please visit the fundraising website: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rupert-caple>

Year 11 Induction into VIth Form

Every year we host a Post 16 Induction for our Year 11 students to spend time with their new tutors and subject teachers to get a taste of life in VIth Form.

For the past 2 days, the students, in their new tutor groups, along with students from schools in the surrounding area, have sampled taster lessons in their chosen subjects and been given time to explore the various A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses on offer. This afternoon, we organised a number of team-building activities so that the groups could get to know each other better and form friendships in readiness for the new term in September.

Miss Harwood, Director of Learning - Year 12, explained the format of next year's subject timetable and study periods, she also generated some excitement by sharing with the students some photographs of our new building which will be ready to welcome students in September 2017.

We look forward to seeing all of our Year 11 students on Thursday 24 August for GCSE Results Day and on Wednesday 6 September for their first day in College as VIth Formers.

Students of the Week

Ben Onions 7SW

nominated by Miss L Cherrington

Grace Darby-Duffield 8TB

nominated by Mrs Z Weatherley

Hannah Hawkins-Long 9NT

nominated by Miss J Russell

Jake Hollis 10SC

nominated by Mr P Holland

World Religion Day

Tuesday 27 June was World Religion Day here at SHS with students in Year 7 engaging in a number of activities to improve their knowledge of one of the world's largest religions, Hinduism as part of SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) Day. Students learned about Diwali, the Festival of Light, practised Rangoli art

patterns, learned the Bollywood style of dance in the Dome and designed their own Henna tattoos for staff to apply to their hands.

Students in Years 8 and 9 learned about Moses and the 10 plagues of Egypt and Judaism, enjoying a performance of "The Prince of Egypt" before taking part in role plays. All in all, Tuesday was a very bright, colourful and energetic day!



SnapChat Avatar Location Maps: the latest feature of the Snapchat App shows where your "friends" are and what they are doing with a precise pinpoint on a map. Ask them to only share their location with people they really know and revisit these settings regularly and select 'Ghost' mode to keep total control over who can see their location.