



6 July 2018

SHS LIFE

Forthcoming Events:

9 July 2018

Year 6 Parents Transition
Evening 6-8pm

9 July 2018

Year 10 Work Experience
Begins

12 July 2018

Year 7-9 Celebration
Evening 6-7.30pm

16 July 2018

Creativity Week

19 July 2018

Sports Day

20 July 2018

Term Ends - 12:30

Quote of the Week

"the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle."

Steve Jobs

Word of the Week

Bespoke

Meaning: Made to order

Example: Jack is a master tailor who creates *bespoke* suits

As the end of term approaches, we are all still very busy here at SHS, as exam season has continued, this time with our Year 12 mocks. Our students have worked extremely hard all year and have continued to maintain that work ethic in the preparation and competition of all exams this week.

We have also completed our first week of the changes to break and lunch, in preparation for the new timetable next year. I would like to thank all of our fabulous students for their maturity during the transformation, as well as their feedback and ideas about the new timings and system.

Another group of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze delegates returned from the Malvern Hills after their two day expedition on Monday and Tuesday, and our staff have been extremely complimentary about the effort and maturity of all of the students involved.

On Wednesday, some of our Year 9 students took part in the Super 6 Athletics, finishing third place overall. Again, we are incredibly proud of them all, and our fantastic sporting form as a school continues.

It has been a heavily performing arts related period, with many inspirational and exciting opportunities for our students. The SAET Performing Arts Festival took place at Baxter College on Wednesday and we were also visited by Translucent Dance Company this week, who were excellent and provided the students with a fantastic dance workshop.

Finally, tonight we finish the week by celebrating the Year 11 prom at the Mercure Hotel in Bewdley. After an extremely busy year for our students, we are all looking forward to celebrating with those that have left following their five years of study here.

On behalf of us all at SHS have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Lorna Deakin
Principal

SAET Performing Arts Festival

Over 100 SAET primary school Y4 children took part in the Performing Arts Festival, this year based at Baxter College. Children were excited to experience practical workshops in Art, Dance, Drama and Music around the theme of Summer Festivals. They were ably supported by Y8, Y10 and Y12 students and Arts staff from both SHS and Baxter College.

A workshop carousel of Samba, Singing, Drama magic boxes and mask-making culminated in a performance to parents from all of our Trust schools and a rousing rendition of 'Walking on Sunshine' led by Stourport High School and Baxter College musicians.

What a fantastic celebration of creativity in our schools!



Students of the Week

Madi Calder 7JB

nominated by Mrs G Baxter

Alex Voyce 8RU

nominated by Ms S Stiles

Ryan Jaynes 9Dc

nominated by Mr P Colburn

Kodi Pritchard 10AF

nominated by Miss L Page

Jasmin Nickolls 12TC

nominated by Mrs J Cortis

Welcome back Talking Props

On Wednesday 27th June, we were lucky enough to be visited again by Michael Neri and Zailee Parmenter from Talking Props in Kidderminster. Year 9 performing arts students took part in a combined drama and dance workshop which introduced them to the concept of the 'Audition Process'. They worked in mixed groups creating naturalistic drama which abstract ideas before working on their dance technique and beginning to learn the choreography of a contemporary dance. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage in another form of performing art which compliments the one that they are studying. We hope to inspire students to gain an interest in more than one performing art to enable them to be more appealing to performing arts schools/colleges and career pathways in the future.



Youth Makes Music

Eight of our talented music students from year 7, 10 & 12 performed at Kidderminster Town Hall on Thursday 28th June. This was part of a festival of concerts featuring schools within the Wyre Forest.

Our students were professional, well rehearsed, confident and full of energy on stage. It was an absolute pleasure to watch them perform and entertain. Well done to Helena Badger (7Wb), Runa Avery (10Br), Ellis Brogan (10JH), Ethan Lowe (10RJ), Madeleine Holtby (10AF), Zoe Neri (10EG), Tom Southam (12JC) & Callum Wheeler (12RH).

Crochet Club for Charity

During Enrichment with Mrs Round and Mrs Henderson, students have been making baby blankets for the Neonatal Unit at Worcestershire Royal Hospital. We have also had generous donations from members of the public.

Pictured are Kayleigh Kilgour (8Hr) and Louise Loveridge (7Wb) handing over the finished blankets to Rebecca Hogan, an ex-student, now Midwife from Worcestershire Royal.

We are very proud of the students for their hard work and determination and we hope that this gesture will support the amazing work that the staff in the Neonatal Unit do every day.

A fitting event for our wonderful students, who have had the opportunity to learn more about the fantastic job the NHS staff do, as we celebrated their 70th birthday this week.



And— welcome back Translucent Dance Company

On Wednesday 4th July, we were visited again by Anna Lines from Translucent Dance Company based in Bromsgrove. Year 8 dance students took part in a contemporary dance style workshop which taught them a contemporary warm-up and introduced them to the foundations of contemporary style dance. Comments from the students included: "Really fun and interesting," "Hard but a nice challenge," and "I'd love to do it again." They worked as a whole class, learning contemporary choreography which challenged and inspired them. This was a really insightful opportunity for students who have opted for GCSE Dance or any of the performing arts subjects in year 9 as it enabled them to engage in another art form which complements the one that they have chosen. Their attitude towards the workshop, and their participation in it, was exemplary and Anna really enjoyed working with them.



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