



# 14 December 2018

# SHS LIFE

## Forthcoming Events:

**17 December 2018**

Parents' Decoration Session

**18 December 2018**

Y11 Drama Trip

**20 December 2018**

Talent Show

**20 December 2018**

Non-uniform Day  
Term Ends — 12pm

**7 January 2019**

TED Day

**8 January 2019**

Term Begins

Quote of the Week

**"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step"**  
- Chinese Proverb

Word of the Week

**"Magnanimous"**

**Meaning:** generous or forgiving, especially towards a rival or less powerful person

**We have had a very busy penultimate week of term here at SHS, culminating with the Outstanding Achievement Awards Evening on Thursday night.**

It was fantastic to celebrate the remarkable achievements of so many of our wonderful students on Thursday night, following a long and rewarding term.

Last Friday our Christmas dinner festivities got underway with the Year 11 students. So far this week, the Year 10 Christmas dinner took place on Monday, Post 16 on Tuesday, Year 9 on Wednesday, Year 8 on Thursday, and finally Year 7 on Friday. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all students, staff and parents/carers for your generosity with the Christmas hampers for this year. We do not have a final count just yet, but they look absolutely fabulous and I am sure they will make many people very happy this Christmas.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed our second SMSC day of the year during periods four, five and six, with students in all year groups learning about a variety of sensitive and beneficial subjects. The students seemed to thoroughly enjoy the afternoon and acted with excellent maturity throughout. There is a full report of the day on page two.

Our Year 9 Business students have been working on an Enterprise Challenge in conjunction with Aston Villa Football Club, where they presented their pitch of ideas to a panel of judges. A massive congratulations to all involved!

Next week, we have the second of our Parents' Christmas Decoration sessions and would like to see as many parents as possible. The first one was great fun and it is a nice way to celebrate the festive season. We also have the showings of our Talent Show taking place on Thursday morning, in what will be a lovely way to end the term.

A reminder that school will finish at 12pm on Thursday for all students and it is non-uniform.

On behalf of everyone at SHS, have a lovely weekend.

**Ms Lorna Deakin**  
Principal

## Mollie's Swimming Success

A huge congratulations to Mollie Kilgour (9LM) who at the weekend competed in Wyre Forest Rock the Blocks competition in Hereford. Mollie is a keen swimmer who competes regularly in meets and competitions. Her hard work has clearly paid off as she won a gold, silver and two bronze medals in the competition—a massive achievement!



## Students of the Week

**Alex O'Leary 7PR**

nominated by Mrs M Preece

**Ben Gowland 8DW**

nominated by Miss L Cherrington

**James Cooper 9DR**

nominated by Mr J Rowe

**Meg Thomas 10Ro**

nominated by Mrs S Peace

**Leah Meredith 11JH**

nominated by Ms J Colley

**Vicky Harvey 13KA**

nominated by Mrs M Harmer

## SMSC Day

As always, SMSC Day on Wednesday was a roaring success! Students from all year groups took part in individually created lessons to educate them about a variety of sensitive subjects.

Year 7 completed activities relating to British Values, Year 8 were treated to a fantastic assembly on the emergency services by Mr Parry, followed by a first aid demonstration and practical activity and ended the day discussing the stigma around mental health. Year 9 and 10 discussed the importance of consent and the laws behind it, including the risk alcohol and drugs present to a young person whereas Year 11 learned some valuable life lessons including taxes, savings and the importance of insurance.

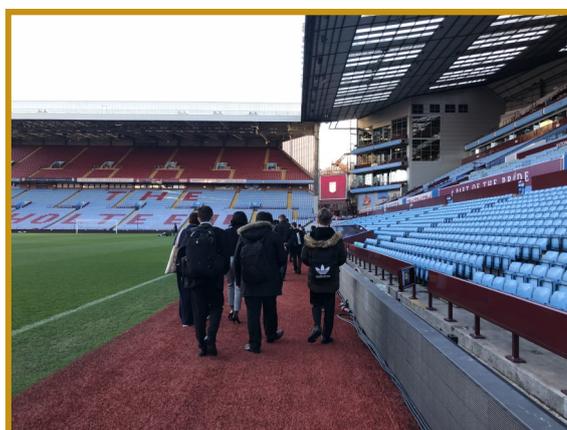
Over in the sixth form, Year 12 students were considering their next steps in education, specifically University. They had guest speakers from Birmingham City University and Loughborough University, hopefully giving students an opportunity to compare two very different education providers, one being city centre university and the other being a campus university. Students got the opportunity to ask student ambassadors from Loughborough University all their questions on University Life. Our Year 12 AASE students visited Wolverhampton University (their kit sponsors) where they got the opportunity to access all their sporting facilities. Students may feel that university is far away, however it will come around quickly and they should start doing their research now. The next SMSC day will concentrate on Apprenticeships for those students not looking to go down the university route.

Year 13 students were involved in something slightly different for SMSC with local police coming in and running a missing person scenario. It was an interactive session where the students were Police Officers tasked with taking steps to find a 19yr old missing female, discussing the importance of DNA, talking to contacts and the technology around locating missing persons. PC Sam Maher kindly took on the role of the dubious boyfriend where he was asked probing questions to find the 19yr old. This was used to develop skills such as team work, questioning and considering different options. A massive thank you to all those staff involved in creating lessons and resources for SMSC day, and a big thank you to the students for their impeccable behaviour.



## Premier League Enterprise Project

A group of Year 9 boys have been working on an enterprise challenge set by the Premier League in conjunction with Aston Villa football club. The challenge set was exploring how to increase the number of 18-23 year olds attending matches. The students worked as part of a group to create a presentation outlining their idea and the research they had collated. They then visited Villa Park on Friday 7th December and pitched their final ideas to a panel of judges. They were against five other schools, all bidding to win a place in the regional finals. Whilst waiting for the judges to deliberate and decide on a winning group, students had a tour of the grounds,



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