

# SBE School PARENT NEWSLETTER

17 December 2021



## WELCOME

A warm welcome to our end of term newsletter. It gives a great impression of the wide range of activities and experiences that our young people have been engaged in over the last half term. My thanks go to all the staff and students who have been involved, especially given some of the restrictions we have had. It is a lovely reminder of the creativity and commitment of our school community.

Many thanks from me for your support over this last year of challenge and change.

My very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year!

Best wishes,

*Mr Holmwood*  
*Headteacher*



## 5DT Netball Academy

### Getting the ball rolling!

Due to Covid 2021/22 is the first fully functioning year for the Netball Academy and what a start it has been!

20 students are actively involved in training, playing and leading within the 6<sup>th</sup> form academy.

They have played 3 matches within the Association of Colleges league and have won 2 and lost 1. They are into the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Cup competition and unbeaten locally. One of the Shenley students has been selected for the AoC England squad – Congratulations go to Abby Murrell.

Looking forward to what 2022 brings!

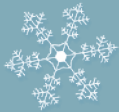
*Mrs Murrell*





## The Sixth Form Basketball Academy

The sixth form basketball team managed to open their home record with a win on Wednesday as they took on Harris Academy, St John's Wood. In a dominant performance the home team managed a 94-49 win in front of a passionate home crowd of students and supportive staff members. William Issekya led all Scorers with 34 points, Eric Arriaga added 20 points and Jomi Omowa pulled in a massive 14 rebounds. The team are back in action on Monday next week against West London College.

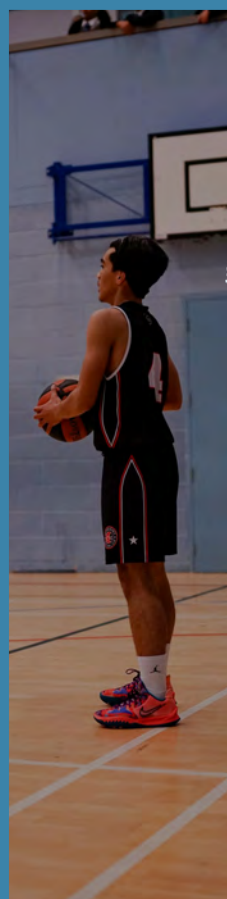


They also got off to a brilliant start in their inaugural season! All the players have been a shining addition to their school community, helping with refereeing and coaching of lower school students and acting as ambassadors for the school. Their success has also extended to their games. In the Academy Basketball League, they currently sit in 3rd place having only lost one game and are undefeated in their National weekend league. It is a promising start to a very exciting project for the school and Trust. The season will continue in January when the team try to continue their success and make a real push for the playoffs.

A special congratulations goes to sixth-former William Issekya who is gaining some national exposure with his play so far.



*Mr Beddow*







## U13 Girls Football Team (Year 7 & Year 8) - Mr Doyle

It's been a really promising start for our girls footballers this half term after the break due to restrictions. Interest in training is high and we are growing our squads week on week. Results have been mixed so far but we are practicing more on grass and our control, passing and defending as a team are developing really well.

If anybody cannot make training they should let Mr Doyle know as squads will be selected very strongly on those who consistently attend training in order to develop a good team spirit. Keep it up through the winter girls!

**Training / Club** - Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm on Astro

### **Results so far:**

Y7 team beat Sir Herbert Leon Academy 4-3 in the MK League

U13 team lost to Sir Henry Floyd Grammar 0-4 in the County Cup



### **Fixtures to come:**

#### **Year 7**

12/1/21 - Denbigh (Home)

8/2/21 - MK 6-a-side Tournament

2/3/21 - Sir Herbert Leon (Home)

TBC - Watling Academy (Away)

#### **Under 13 (Year 7 & 8 combined)**

10/12/21 - EFL Cup @ MK Dons Training Centre

TBC - The Grange (Away)

TBC - St Michael's (Home)

TBC - Cottlesloe (Away)

TBC - Buckingham (Away)

#### **Year 8**

12/1/21 - Denbigh (Home)

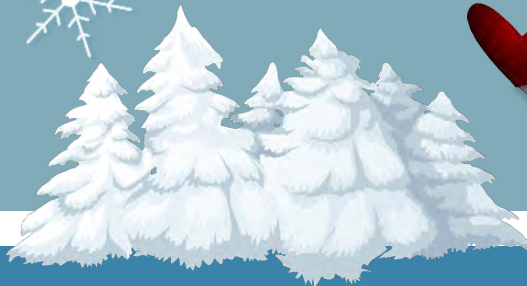
9/2/21 - Sir Herbert Leon (Away)

8/3/21 - MK 6-a-side Tournament

TBC - Radcliffe (Away)

TBC - Lord Grey (Home)

TBC - Watling (Home)



## Year 7, 8 and 9 Netball

It has been a really great return to Netball club, training and fixtures for all three year groups. The great numbers that we are seeing at training, goes to show not only how exciting it is to have clubs back up and running, but also the enthusiasm for Netball. Results have been strong so far, with only one loss amongst all three teams!! Keep coming along to training and feel free to come and join us if you have not already done so this year. Miss Boakes will pick teams for fixtures based on commitment to coming to club and work ethic so if you have not been picked yet for a fixture, then there are still lots of opportunities.

### **Results so far:**

#### Year 7

SBE v Hazeley 5-7 Loss

#### Year 8

SBE v Sir Herbert Leon 22-6 Win

SBE v Hazeley 13-0 Win

#### Year 9

Sir Herbert Leon v SBE 0 - 34 Win

Hazeley v SBE 4-6 Win





## Empowered - Word Weavers Poetry Competition

A huge congratulations to Ishanvi Agrawal who has recently entered a poetry competition 'Empowered - Word Weavers' and has been chosen out of 12,000 entrants to have her poem published. Her poem will be published in their latest collection and will remain in the British Library archives forever. Please see a copy of her fantastic poem 'Free Will.'

### Free Will



*Your choices can shape your road,  
thus creating your success or failure's code.*

*I believe that our decisions aren't recorded,  
Rather I believe they are consciously submitted.*

*By utilising your will to decide,  
you can mould a path or a ride.*

*We can sense the smell of achievement,  
otherwise we might have to bear the weight of unfulfillment.*

*Asking for the current unattainable,  
would require good decisions to make it available.*

*Choices are many in your mind,  
the best ones are sometimes hard to find.*

*Success is achieved with the choice of hard work and perseverance,  
Whereas failure is invoked by procrastination and indolence.*

*Majority of your route involves making a choice,  
Your decision is confirmed through your action or voice.*

*It's up to you to choose how your script is written,  
Having free will in life is all about your conviction.*





## Extra-Curricular this term!

Greetings and salutations to all the students of Shenley Brook End! This term in Extra-Curricular clubs we've all been stepping into Christmas with our dapper decorations and very exquisite elves. One elf from DT told me that they were crafted very fastidiously by the years 7, 8 and 9, although some legs might've been chopped off, I do wonder if it hurt! I should ask next time I see him...

*My dear elf friend also told me that very ingenious students were making baubles, some red, blue, and green. I do wonder, why are they called baubles, I ponder whether anyone tried to make a cube shaped bauble, you might even call it a cube cube!*



Students have also been getting busy after school joining extra-curricular clubs, learning new languages like Japanese or finding new friends and interest like maybe nature or archaeology. Maybe you like role-playing and are very competitive? If so, you might want to join dungeons and dragons.

Talking of competitiveness, what's the longest word you've ever tried in hangman? You should try *antidisestablishmentarianism*, our friends in board-game club were absolutely awestruck with this word!

My elf friend asked me if I fancied a game of croquet after school, but I am wondering whether I should, because you see I might end up accidentally sending him flying instead of a ball. Talking of sports, more and more students have been joining various sports games such as basketball, netball, and dance, I do love a bit of dancing while listening to my favourite music. Music! In music the wind band have been practicing their music, and so have the choir too, also the brass ensemble! I do say, what strong lungs they must have! The Jazz band and orchestra have played us some fantastic theme tunes this term including the Brooklyn 99 tune! My elf friend has also told me that they have been rehearsing intensely, like the elves in the workshop for their Christmas concert!

If you think yourself a very diligent being, you should join one of these clubs, you might even find yourself learning something new! Keep an eye out for the new timetables, there will be a whole extra-curricular one, a sport one and a music one! See you in January!!

**Melissa Lao (Year 9)**





## ESU Schools Mace Debating Competition

Congratulations to the SBE debating team who made it through the first regional heat of this year's English Speaking Union Mace Debating Competition. The English-Speaking Union's Schools' Mace, the oldest and largest debating competition for schools in England, hones students' debating skills in a fun, competitive environment. Working in teams, students enhance their speech-writing, public speaking and critical thinking, helping them to excel both in and out of school. On 8 November Sorcha Drinkwater, Hannah Blair and Alex Shirley took on the team from Ousedale School with the motion "This House would make fines for criminal and civil offences proportionate to the wealth of the offender". Sorcha, Hannah and Alex will take on the Ousedale School team once again in the next round of the regional heats on 26 January next year. If they win this heat they will make their way to the national final in March.

We wish the team the best of luck!

**ESU ORACY  
AFFILIATE  
SCHOOL**  
2021-22



## Food Bank

A massive thank you to the whole school community for the generosity we saw in November regarding the food bank campaign we ran. We collected an estimated 1,500 items in five days, which is an incredible effort, and on the Friday, we had queues out of the doors with students who were donating items.

Four students helped deliver the items to the MK Food Bank warehouse in Kiln Farm, who were very impressed with our collection, and said that the items donated by SBE would support 60 families this winter!

Again, I cannot thank everyone enough for supporting this charity week, and hopefully it can be something the SBE community can participate in again in the future.

Miss McIntyre



Happy  
Holidays!

