

SBE School

PARENT NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME

I hope that you enjoy this next update about the creative range of experiences and achievements that have taken place this half-term.

It's always a pleasure to share and celebrate the successes of our students and this week I had the opportunity to meet with the 3 students pictured here. Congratulations go to them as the highest achieving students in Year 7. Students receive what we call 'Badger stamps' in their Learning Passports if they have met and exceeded expectations in each lesson and I'm delighted to say that these 3 students have attained the highest number in the school!



Well done to them and to all those who are featured or have contributed to this newsletter.

Best wishes,

*Mr Holmwood
Headteacher*

Love is in the Air

Love is in the Air: A Level English Literature Mastery Workshop

On Monday 14th February, our A Level English Literature students had their very own Valentine's date. They attended a 'Love through the Ages' mastery workshop run by Mr Holmwood in preparation for their upcoming A Level exams. The students were joined remotely by Year 13 students from The Hazeley Academy, and they LOVED it!

Mrs E Hazell



New Software

Our KS3, 4 and 5 students have free access to Focus on Sound, funding provided by MK Music Hub. This is a music education software platform where students can explore lessons and resources linked to the curriculum and then test their knowledge.



New Macs!

We took delivery of our new Mini Macs before Christmas, and they are now up and running faster than ever. Our KS3 students in particular, are having lots of fun composing using Garage Band for film music and remix projects. Massive thanks must go to our IT support team for facilitating the new hardware and software installation.

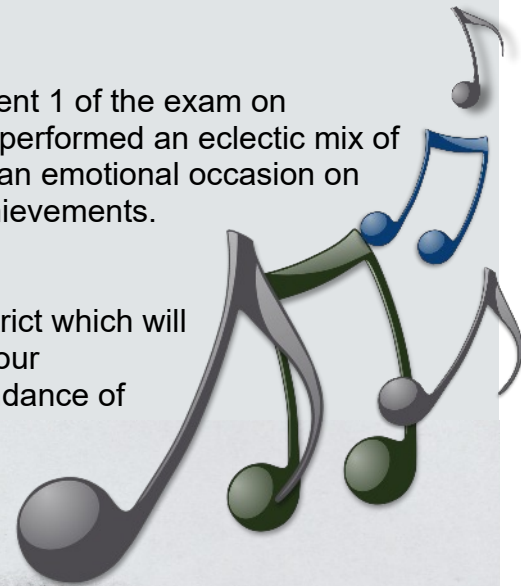
A level Music Recital

Our 10 level music students performed their programmes for Component 1 of the exam on Tuesday 8 February. We have such a talented group of students who performed an eclectic mix of music to our first live audience since February 2020, it made for quite an emotional occasion on several levels and the students should be extremely proud of their achievements.

Music Team Residential

We have launched our music residential trip to Edale in The Peak District which will be 11-15 July. We are really looking forward to being able to enthuse our musicians with activities such as archery, abseiling as well as an abundance of music making and walking, surrounded by stunning scenery.

Mrs S Smith



5 Dimensions Trust Junior Academy News!

It's been a great week for the Junior Basketball Academies, here are some of the headlines!

Hazeley win Year 7 MK Tournament: Hazeley Year 7s won all 4 games on Monday, including beating St Paul's and Shenley Brook End to win the Year 7 MK tournament! **They won the final with a 'Golden Basket' against Denbigh** after the game finished a draw! Great job Year 7.

Shenley Brook End Year 8s: For the second time this season Shenley Brook End Year 8's won with a buzzer beater, this time away against an extremely strong St Paul's team! The boys were complimented by St Paul's PE Teacher on their defence and effort, which was the difference in the game, and of course, the game winner!

Girls Varsity: It was a great week for our girls' basketball programmes, we started with Year 7 and Year 8 playing on Friday. Shenley won 2 extremely close games, the first an **11-10 win for the year 7's, the second a 16-10 win for the year 8s.** Both games were close and high scoring.

It was then year 9, 10, and 11 on Wednesday with an **incredible atmosphere!** There had been a 20 point gap between the year groups in the past varsity games, but it shrunk massively! **Hazeley Year 9's won 16-10, and were only up 4 going into the 4th quarter,** while the year 10/11 game finished **22-10 to Shenley, with Hazeley being tied at the half!**

There are more games coming up after half term in the MK, the JR NBA, as well as varsity. As always thank you for everyone's support and guidance with both programmes, and we look forward to seeing you at the games soon!

Alexis and Bjorn



Pathways and Employability Programme at the 5 Dimensions Trust

It has been another busy half term at the 5 Dimensions Trust and our students in all year groups have been engaged in activities that link pathways and employability skills to their curriculum knowledge as we continue to support them to become the best version of themselves. Highlights include:

- Whole School Careers Week (Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) took place during the week commencing the 14 February at Shenley Brook End School and is due to take place at The Hazeley Academy during the week commencing 7th March.
- Assemblies across the Trust have been delivered by a range of external speakers including the FCDO, MK College, Moulton College the British Army and Morgan Sindall.
- Year 8 1:1 pathways meetings with form tutors and Unfirog activities to support their GCSE preference process.
- Year 9 1:1 pathways meetings with form tutors which allow students to reflect on the development of their skills and knowledge and aspirations for the future.
- Students in Year 10 are busy securing their work experience placements.
- Our Year 11 students across the Trust are researching their post 16 destinations and submitting applications with the support and guidance of the Pathways and Employability Lead, Form Tutors and Year Leaders.
- Students in Year 12 at the Hazeley Academy attended a “drop down day” where they focused on developing their CV writing skills and preparing for and attending interviews.
- Students in Year 13 are also planning their post 18 destinations and this year has seen record numbers of UCAS applications along with Year 13 students who have joined the Apprenticeship Support Groups and are receiving targeted support with their apprenticeship search at both Shenley Brook End School and The Hazeley Academy.
- National Apprenticeship Newsletter sent to our parent community to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week.

Please do let us know if you would like to explore ways in which you could support the delivery of our Pathways and Employability programme by contacting Mrs Harris, Pathways and Employability Lead at aharris@sbeschool.org.uk as we continue to grow a vibrant community of exceptional people.

Mrs A Harris



Cultural Heritage Project

Post 16 art students at Shenley Brook End school have worked alongside MKIAC on a cultural heritage project looking at oral history. Students were trained in oral history interviewing skills by an Oral Historian, working on the project, 'Building Communities and Community Buildings'. Oral history is the practice of recording, preserving and sharing stories by interviewing people about their lives, stories, and memories, our students interviewed elders from Sikh Gurdwara Ramgarhia Sabha. This was an invaluable opportunity to build bridges between different cultures, age gaps and life experiences, through the process of making Oral history recordings. Student engagement was described as 'exemplary'.

To accompany the project students were also involved in a comic workshop run by artist Kevin Sutherland who has created work for Marvel and Beano.

MKIAC are now working with a Somali youth group and students from The Hazeley Academy using the same oral history skills but interviewing different elders from different Sikh communities to strengthen our relationships and understanding of different cultures.

The work from these experiences will form part of an exhibition to be held at Art in the Park in May and Milton Keynes Museum in June.



ARTiculation

Shenley Brook End School has continued to strengthen our partnership with ARTiculation building on training delivered through MK Gallery last year. ARTiculation is a nationally acclaimed annual event promoting the appreciation and discussion of art. It is open to students aged 16-19 and aims to develop students' confidence and ability to express their opinions, thoughts and conclusions.

Earlier this month Mariana Ferreira took place in the regional final of the ARTiculation prize, held at MK Gallery and was a great advocate for the school and arts.

Emily Hannam, project curator at the British Museum was the adjudicator. Hannam praised Mariana for her personal response to the artwork and for having the courage to share this with us, describing it as very moving and passionate.

Mariana herself said of the experience: "I am very grateful and happy that I did it and it definitely improved my confidence and public speaking skills which had once appeared like a much scarier concept."



Arts Award

The delivery of Arts Award Gold is well underway at Shenley Brook End School and is helping to strengthen our arts provision throughout the school. Part of the award is looking at building leadership qualities and giving back to society in an arts capacity through volunteering. Our students across year 12 and 13 have been looking at how they can meet these standards, so far, they have been supporting with mentoring GCSE drama students and supporting with exam techniques, supporting and mentoring lower school students in art, volunteering at MK Gallery and running extra-curricular clubs such as 'Photography Skills'. This aspect of Gold Arts Award is helping to take students outside of their comfort zone, grow their confidence, resilience and leadership capabilities as well as further their understanding of arts practice.



**Happy
Half Term!**