



Welcome

Thank you and well done to all who attended our recent annual Awards Evening. It was a lovely celebration of the qualities of so many students across the school community. It was a pleasure to hear our guest speaker, Graham Mitter from Mercedes, speak on the theme of success and about how important the attitudes, skills and knowledge that we promote are in the world of work and future life. Graham runs the degree level apprentice course and also spoke interestingly on how apprenticeships are transforming opportunities for young people.

We have another important evening upon us, with this Thursday's Y6 Open Evening (details on page 2). We regularly have 1500 visitors to this event and it is a great opportunity to celebrate and showcase the diverse offer that the school provides and always great to see and hear the staff and students show their pride in what we all do.

I have also enjoyed the recent run of parent information evenings. Thank you for your support, encouragement and interest in developing how we work together to support our young people. At these events I have been

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
3 Oct	National Poetry Day
	Y12 & Y13 WRL Pro Networking Event
	Y6 Open Evening
8 Oct	Y8 & Y9 Language Leaders Workshops
9 Oct	Y7 History Trip to MK Museum
10 Oct	Y13 Geography Trip to East London
11 Oct	Y7 History Trip to MK Museum
14 - 18 Oct	Y7 - Y13 Student Voice Student Council Voting Week
14 - 16 Oct	Y7 Launchpad
	Y8 & Y9 Language Leaders Workshop
15 Oct	Y12 & Y13 WRL UCAS Fair Trip
17 Oct	Y12 Sixth Form Settling in Evening



Headteacher's Welcome Cont.

introducing some of the changes to the way we communicate and if you would like a reminder of anything then please do go to our website. I have also been explaining that we have made a slight change to our House System. Our former House Leaders have become Year Progress Leaders, working alongside our pastoral Year Leaders so that Y7-11 have a two person team with oversight of both pastoral and academic development. Meanwhile we are introducing House Captains who will oversee the competition elements of the Houses. More to follow on this theme when I next write.

Finally, I had a chance to walk down memory lane last week when I had a visit from the class of 1997. Five students who were in the school's first ever cohort came to see me and it was a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the school's early days and to show them how much the school has grown and changed since they left in 2003. Mr Clarke, who was also a member of staff when the school opened, and Miss Arkison, who was in the same year group also joined us. Two of them came wearing their blazers! I must admit, 22 years have flown by, but that is the nature of the busy and vibrant place that we are!

C Holmwood
Headteacher

Year 6 Open Evening



OPEN EVENINGS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

FOR ENTRY TO THE SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020

YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2019

We offer a warm invitation to all Year 6 students and their parents to see our highly successful and stimulating learning environment. Our current students and staff will be showcasing our provision for young people in Years 7-11 and beyond.

There will be opportunities to talk to staff and students from different year groups to find out about all of the Key Stages, including Sixth Form study. There will be examples of a range of activities including extra-curricular opportunities.

Students and the Headteacher will give a talk to parents about the school during the evening at the following times: 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

Please enter the school via the main reception from 5.30pm. The school will be open until 8.00pm.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2019

Shenley Brook End Sixth Form offers an exciting high-level specialist centre for students who want to build on their GCSE success and study in a mature setting to further their future study and career opportunities. Our Open Evening times are 6pm until 8.30pm.

Shenley Brook End Sixth Form offers:

- A wide range of courses
- Dedicated Sixth Form study and research facilities
- Excellent preparation and support for entry to university, work-based training or a career
- Exciting opportunities for additional experiences alongside A level examinations


For further information please contact Mrs Pryde, Sixth Form Senior Administrator on 01908 520264 ext 263 or email sixthformteam@sbeschool.org.uk




Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our musicians – particularly the orchestra and jazz band – for all their help at our recent open evening. Our students performed to their usual high standards, spoke about the school to prospective parents with courtesy, confidence and enthusiasm and were a credit to us all. Thank you!

Exam Results

	James Fox	Jazz Trombone grade 2	Passed
	Rebecca Moore	Cello grade 2	Passed with merit
	Nick Barned	Jazz Trumpet grade 3	Passed with merit
	Alex Zervos	Jazz Trumpet grade 4	Passed

	Lydia Myers	Trumpet grade 6	Passed with merit
	William Culley	Clarinet grade 6	Passed with merit

Events

MUSIC EVENTS DIARY

DATE/TIME	EVENT
Wed 23 October - 6.30pm	Year 7 - <i>Dig It!</i> Concert
Wed 6 November - 6.30pm	St Cecilia's Day Concert - all ensembles
Thurs 14 November	6 Form Open Evening - Orchestra
26,27 & 28 November	School Production - <i>Annie</i>
Mon 16 December - 7pm	Christmas Concert at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone

Year 7 Musical Extravaganza

Dig It! – a musical by Jacobson and Emerson

On the evening of Wednesday 23rd October our year 7 students will be showcasing their musical talents and demonstrating some of the hard work they have completed in music lessons so far this term. They will be singing, dancing and playing instrumental solos. All year 7 students will have received a letter about this containing details of ticket sales and arrangements.

Tickets (£4 and £2 conc) are available from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/556779>



If you would like to know more about any of our musical opportunities, lessons, clubs, performances and trips, please follow us on twitter:



@SBE_Music

Employability Event - Year 12

We had a group of A level business students who took part in a “Upskill” employability day delivered by an organisation called Visionpath. The aim of the day was to develop the employability skills, otherwise known as “soft skills”, in the students who took part. Our students also started to understand the importance of resilience in taking an idea and seeing it through to the pitch.

Visionpath are an organisation that take local students and match them up with real businesses who want to be involved in schools, helping them to deliver employability events to develop our student’s skills. The Milton Keynes based business was “Gatehouse” bank which is a local Challenger bank – meaning a new bank that wants to challenge the existing big UK banks. Gatehouse offer savings products and finance for commercial and residential property. They allowed 5 of their employees to come in to school for the day to be mentors for our students.

On the day students had to come up with a new idea and develop that idea to then give a pitch “Dragon’s Den” style to the business mentors. The skills that our students developed were those of problem solving, communication and people skills – all skills that you cannot be taught in a classroom environment. At the end of the day our students then had to pitch their ideas and therefore practised their presentation skills. The one team that won the presentation also had an unexpected prize of a £20.00 Amazon voucher each – what a nice surprise!

A big thank you to Laurel Walsh for organising this event and to Matt Kepple for facilitating the event. Also, thank you to Gatehouse bank for allowing five of their employees for time off for the day to work with our students.

The three teams that competed can be seen to the right.

Mr Greenhalgh
Director of Sixth Form and Work Related Learning



EXPERIENCE OF WORK NEWS

Year 10 Experience of Work Programme 2019/20

Year 10 Experience of Work Programme 2019 – 2020

Welcome to the new academic year and to the exciting Work Related Learning initiative for Year 10 students.

During the assembly for all Year 10 students on the 19th September, we introduced our plans for this academic year and explained how the two-week work experience placements in March 2020 fit into the on-going development of our students.

We will be running preparation events within school leading up to the actual work placements and of course subsequently ask students to reflect on their achievements. The skills that they develop both in school and in the workplace are crucial for students to be successful in the World of Work and these same skills will be invaluable in helping students to make informed decisions about their post 16 career paths.

We look forward to working together in order to make the Year 10 programme a successful and rewarding experience for all our students.

Please do get in touch with us if you need any extra help or advice.

Work Related Learning Team

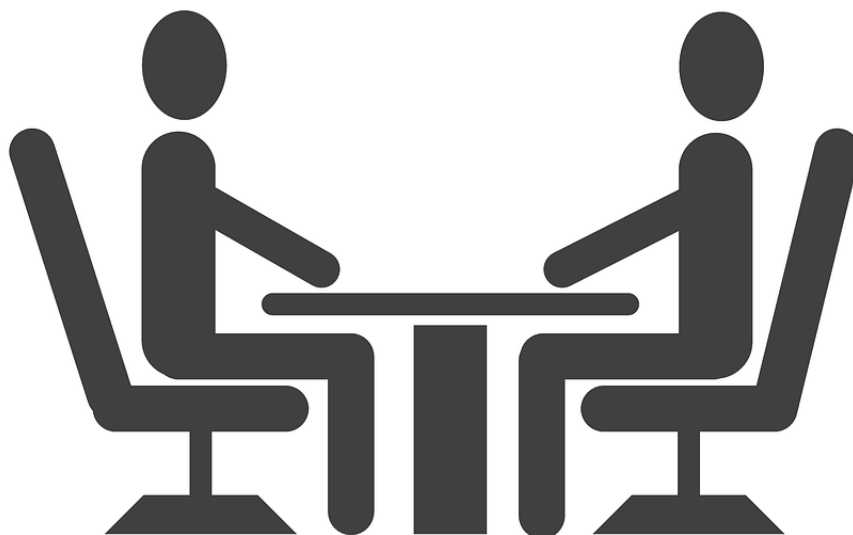
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Duke of Edinburgh Gold Assessed Expedition

On Thursday 19 September 21 Gold Duke of Edinburgh students set out to complete their Assessed Expedition in the Yorkshire Dales.

As the groups set off Friday morning they had glorious sunshine and clear blue skies! The group were able to take in the scenery around the Yorkshire 3 Peaks and soon arrived at their first camp site at the base of the Gordale Scar Waterfall.

Day 2 took the group up or around Pen Y Gent, one of the main Peaks in the area. All groups navigated the area well and two groups took on the challenge of the climb to the top of Pen Y Gent! All arrived safely and on time into camp with only minor navigational errors!

Over the course of the night the weather turned for the worse and Day 3 was wet and windy. One of the groups braved the ascent to the top of Ingleborough, another of Yorkshires main peaks, but visibility was limited. Day 3 became the group's longest day and all navigated very well to get to the campsite by late evening.

Day 4 saw the groups up and out early for their final day of expedition. The weather improved slightly over the course of the day but began as wet as the previous day. By the time groups reached their final destination the sun was shining. An exhausted group returned to their base camp for some well needed showers and a change of clothes. A relaxing evening and a hearty meal helped round off the expedition.

I'd like to say a huge well done to all the Gold participants, taking on this challenge is not for the faint hearted and the commitment and dedication that the students have shown is to be applauded.

Well done!

Mr Malpass
Lead Teacher for Duke of Edinburgh -
Gold



PE News



Lost Property

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be displayed in the Phase 1 Street from Friday 4 October until Friday 11 October. Please encourage your child/ren to look for any missing items.

