



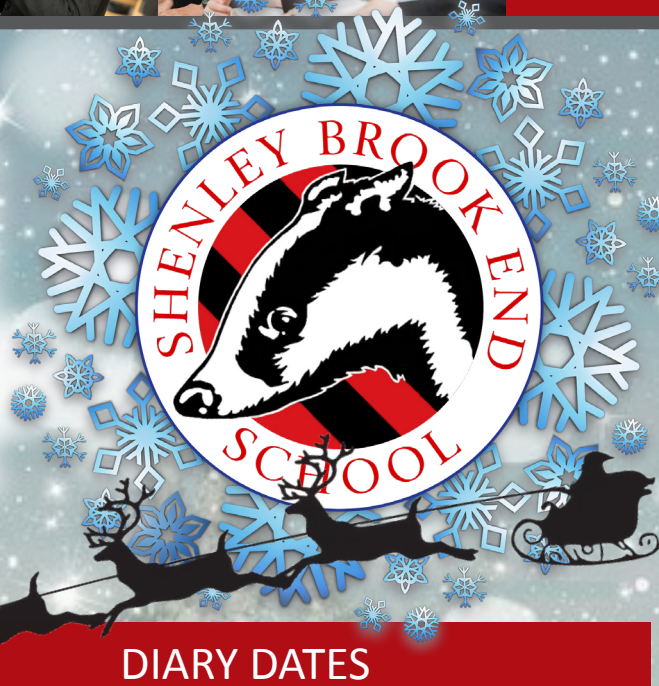
Welcome

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2019 which as ever sums up a wide range of what our students have been learning, achieving and experiencing. I'm delighted to see so many students involved in such a diverse range of events. As usual, there is an emphasis upon what our young people are achieving in partnership with others but it is also great to see some very special individual success, such as for Robyn Bodimeade- Firth - see the article on The Big Bang later in this newsletter.

Another individual I would like to mention is our Team Leader for Design Technology, Mr Clarke, who retires at the end of term. Mr Clarke joined the school when it opened in September 1997 as one of a team of 8 teachers with only 114 Year 8 students. I would like to thank him for all that he has done to contribute to the tremendous growth and success of the school over that time and we all wish him well in his retirement.

Finally, please note the timetable for the different year groups for the end of term and also note that school recommences on Tuesday 7 January following a staff training day on Monday 6 January. Thank you all for your support throughout the year and I hope you have a lovely Christmas and happy new year!

C Holmwood
Headteacher



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
20 Dec	Term Ends Term End Finishing Times: Year 7 - 12.50pm Year 8 - 12.50pm Year 9 - 12.25pm Year 10 - 11.45pm Year 11 - 10.45pm
7 Jan	Term Begins
7 - 8 Jan	Yr 11 Mocks
8 & 10 Jan	Y7 History Trip to MK Museum
13 Jan	Y11 PE Leadership Diploma Placement
14 Jan	Germany Residential Information Evening
16 Jan	GIV Project Meeting With Y7 & Y8 Students
	Y10 & Y11 PE Girls County Cup Football
	Y11 PE Leadership Diploma Placement
	Y8 Lifeskills Drugs Awareness Training
	Y8 Preferences Evening

Exam Results

Katy Barnett	Guitar grade 6	Pass	
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Primary Schools' Christmas Concert

In the penultimate week of term we were delighted to welcome Oxley Park Academy, Giles Brook and Long Meadow primaries to join us for our annual concert. It was another very happy and spirited occasion where we enjoyed hearing many young musicians who are likely to coming to Shenley Brook End School in the future and they had the opportunity to experience SBE ensembles in which they will be playing.



Carol Concert

We finished a lively and performance-packed 2019 with our annual carol concert at Christ the Cornerstone Church, CMK. The concert featured Orchestra, Cadenza, Wind Quintet, Saxophone Ensemble and readings delivered by some of our 6th form students. The church was beautifully decorated as always and left us all feeling that Christmas had truly begun. The retiring collection will be donated to Christ the Cornerstone and YMCA.



Careers & Work Related Learning News

Events

It has been a busy half term at school with students across a range of year groups involved in Careers and Work Related Learning events.

Network Rail Engineers of Tomorrow – Year 8 and Year 9

On the 6 November, Engineers and current Apprentices from Network Rail visited school to host a day of activities related to Engineering for a group of Year 8 and Year 9 students. Students worked in groups to design and create their own rail crossings, which they all found hugely enjoyable. Network Rail staff selected a winning group who subsequently visited Network Rail head office to take part in a finals day against other secondary schools from Milton Keynes.

Pro Active Speed-Interviewing – Year 10

All Year 10 students attended a speed-interviewing event on the 7 November where they had the opportunity to meet with local employers to learn not only about career opportunities within Milton Keynes but to develop their professional communication skills.

The event was a huge success with one professional remarking:

“At school I was never aware of cyber security consultancy so I was more than happy to join a speed interviewing session to discuss the opportunities in what I think is a very interesting career. Along with 25-30 other professionals, we were gently grilled by some very inquisitive students. I was impressed with the line of questioning, not focusing on pay or travel but really trying to understand what a typical day looks like for me, what skills are needed to perform my job as well as understanding why I enjoyed what I do.

The students were all polite, friendly and a pleasure to talk to; they definitely were model representatives for the school and I would not hesitate in coming back in the future for another speed interviewing session. I think this event is invaluable as it introduces students to new careers they may not be aware of and the potential routes that can be taken to get these careers. I wish there were more events like this when I was at school!”

Niftylift Women in Engineering – Year 10

Niftylift hosted an event focusing on encouraging females to consider careers in Engineering at their Milton Keynes site on 14 November. The event provided students with the opportunity to explore these career pathways and discover opportunities in our local area.

Public Service Lunch – Year 11

On the 28 November, a group of year 11 students attended a Public Service lunch event at The Hazeley Academy. Professionals from the Army, The Royal Navy, Bucks Fire Service, Thames Valley Police and MK Council attended and provided our students with the opportunity to discover career pathways within the public sector.

Business Networking Breakfast – Year 12 and Year 13

Students in Year 12 attended a Business Networking Breakfast on the 5 December where they met with 30 professionals from a range of local businesses including Santander, Barclaycard, Travis

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Perkins, Badminton England, Franklins Solicitors and Network Rail. The event allowed our Year 12 students to continue to develop their professional communication and networking skills whilst gaining information about careers in the local area.

Worktree Interview Event – Year 8

All students in Year 8 attended a networking event on the 9 and 10 December where they had the opportunity to meet with professionals from local businesses and discover career pathway information. This experience provided students in Year 8 with an opportunity to begin to raise awareness of career pathways ahead of their GCSE options and emphasise the importance of developing professional communication and networking skills.

Law Networking Event – Year 12 and Year 13

On the 17 December professionals from Howes Percival, and Dentons Solicitors visited school to talk to sixth form students who are interested in a career within the legal profession.

A Big Thank you!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all local businesses who have given their time to meet our students during this term; we really do appreciate your support!

Careers Spotlight!

Electrician

We are delighted to place Electricians in the careers spotlight!

Did you know that there are 266,401 Electricians in the UK and 1,162 jobs in Milton Keynes?

The average salary for an Electrician in the South East is £27,766

To become an Electrician you will need to gain a level 3 electrical or electro-technical qualification.

For further information about becoming an Electrician along with a variety of other careers visit <https://www.unifrog.org/>



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Mercedes-Benz Financial Services HeadSTART Apprenticeship

Last week, two Mercedes-Benz Financial Services (MBFS) colleagues – ex-students Sanchia Cook and Charlotte Wood – popped into school to speak to students who were interested in learning more about the HeadSTART Apprenticeship scheme that's offered at MBFS.

Sanchia, who's in her third year of study, will graduate next summer and Charlotte has just started her second year on the scheme.

The degree apprenticeship is a perfect alternative for those who don't want to take the traditional university route but are still interested in getting a degree, offering a great chance to learn while working full time in an international company.

What does the HeadSTART Apprenticeship programme consist of?

- *BA (Hons) Business Management degree with Birmingham City University*
- *Chartered Management Institute (CMI) qualification*
- *An apprentice qualification*
- *A permanent contract*
- *Competitive salary*
- *Student discount and benefits*
- *Access to a wide range of colleague benefits, including private medical healthcare and 23 days holiday.*



They both talked through many common myths to dispel any worries students may have, and gave some important tips for students who are looking to apply to join the HeadSTART Apprenticeship scheme in the future.

A big thank you to Sanchia and Charlotte for coming into school and taking time to talk about their experiences. We wish them all the best for the future.

Mr Greenhalgh
Director of Sixth Form and Work-Related Learning



The Big Bang Competition

A huge congratulations to Robyn Bodimeade-Firth, Y13. Robyn has submitted an entry to The Big Bang Competition which was judged by 70+ STEM judges from across the country. Her entry, Preliminary Environmental and Economic Feasibility Study for the Introduction of LH2 for Civil Aviation, has won a place at the finals. Robyn has been invited to attend The Big Bang Competition Finals on Wednesday 11 – Thursday 12 March 2020 at the Birmingham NEC. This is a great achievement.

Mrs Ravjee - Science

PE News

Sports Presentation Awards

Has your child competed at county, regional or national level in a sporting activity that the school does not participate in?

Please send details to Mr Doyle (sdoyle@sbeschool.org.uk) for the consideration of the PE team.

Seasons Greetings!