



## Welcome

Wow – what a list of activities! It shows how lively a school is beyond the classroom and the range of activities that we offer our community.

### DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
22 Nov	Whole School Production Technical Rehearsal Y7 & Y8 PE Girls EFL Cup Tournament
25 Nov	Whole School Production Dress Rehearsal Y12 Science Trip to Physics Live Y13 PE Trip to Stadium MK
26 - 28 Nov	Whole School Production Evening Performances
26 Nov	Y12 & Y13 Art Life Drawing Workshop
27 Nov	Y12 Government and Politics Washington Residential Information Evening Y7 - Y11 PE MK Cross Country Championships
28 Nov	Y11 & Y12 WRL Careers Public Services Networking Lunch Y9 - Y13 PE Step Into Sport Trip
29 Nov	Whole School Production Get Out Day Y12 GIV Project Training Day
2 Dec	Y7 Lifeskills Brainstation Event Day 1
3 Dec	Y10 Lifeskills Trip to Parliament Y12 Maths Christmas Lectures
4 Dec	Y10 MK Museum Arts Award Y12 & Y13 Sixth Form Debating Competition Y7 Lifeskills Brainstation Event Day 2 Y9 - Y12 Drama Trip to Come Away from Home
5 Dec	Y12 Government and Politics Trip to Parliament Y12 WRL Pro Active Speed Dating Interview Event Y7 Bushcraft Information Evening

It is interesting to see how many involve our sixth form students, which demonstrates the message that was given at the recent Sixth Form Open Evening that the opportunities the school provides to our eldest students goes far beyond excellent post-16 teaching. I know that many of our Year 11 students (and parents) attended the evening as well as a large number of students from other schools. Just a small matter of preparing for the GCSEs first! Work hard and it will be great to see as sixth-formers in September.

**C Holmwood**  
*Headteacher*

## Lifeskills Enrichment

On Thursday November 14th, our Year 9's were off timetable as part of their Lifeskills curriculum to take part in an enrichment presentation. The students heard what life was like in a detention centre and to hear about the daily routine. In addition they had a presentation on stop and search from Thames Valley Police. Below are some comments from the students on what they had learnt:

"It was an eye opener since there were people (in Oakhill) who were around our age group"

"I like the presenter who was talking honestly about how it is in a prison/detention centre"

"It was informative and a good and interactive session. We learnt about consequences of your actions and what to do if you're being searched. We learnt the differences between community officers and police officers and what could happen if you're under 18 and put in a detention centre"

"I thought that the assembly was good. What I learnt is if the police come to search you it doesn't mean that you are in trouble. It is to check that you don't have anything bad on you."

"I thought that this event was very helpful because I did not know anything that really happens in a detention centre. When we heard the audio from the people at the detention centre it definitely showed us that whatever you do that is wrong you will always feel regret. This would be a good event to do again."

"Listening to the audio was really interesting. I learnt a bit more about what it's like in prison."

"It made me less scared of the police."

"It was interesting to find out what the police do and how they handle certain situations."

"It was a very informative assembly and I enjoyed it. I learnt a lot about why they stop and search and what it is like in a detention centre."

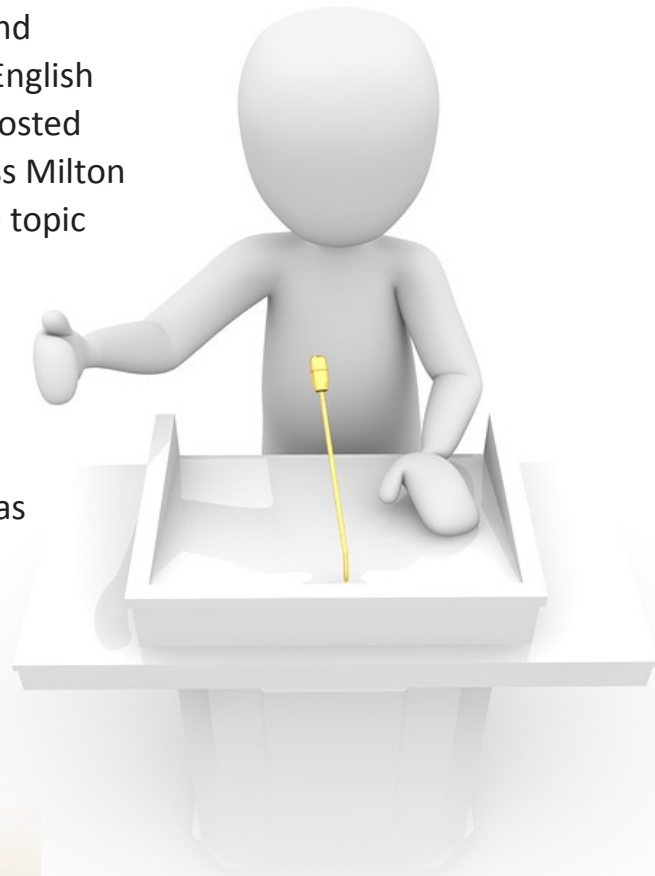
"I found it interesting when the police officer spoke about what the police do, and about why they have to 'stop and search' certain people."

Mrs Rapson  
Team Leader Life Skills



## English Speaking Union Churchill Public Speaking Competition

On 18 November a team of Year 10 students, Ella, Alex and Charlotte, participated in the Milton Keynes heat of the English Speaking Union Churchill Public Speaking Competition, hosted by Denbigh School. Competing against teams from across Milton Keynes and Northampton, Ella spoke passionately on the topic "We pay too much attention to fashion"; Ella spoke so convincingly and confidently that she was awarded 'Speaker of the Night'! Charlotte and Alex acted as Chairperson and Questioner respectively to a guest speaker from Northampton Girls School, winning praise from the judges for their contributions. Together as a team they earned first place in the competition, taking them through to the branch heat in February and the opportunity to win a chance to speak at the regional final in Cambridge next year. Congratulations Ella, Alex and Charlotte!





# REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019

## Remembrance Day at SBE School



We held our annual Remembrance assembly on Monday 11 November. Over the course of just over an hour, the whole school (over 1700 students!) showed their respect in an act of remembrance - 100 years after the first Remembrance Day in 1919.

This year, we took the opportunity to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day. As ever, we did this in a creative way! Alex Pembury, a year 13 student, composed a piece of music on the theme of war and peace that students listened to as they entered and left the assembly. Jack Graves sang 90-year-old D-Day veteran Jim Radford's song 'The Shores of Normandy', accompanied by members of the school orchestra. Jim released his song to raise funds for the Normandy Memorial Trust – it achieved the No.1 spot on the Apple iTunes and Amazon Music charts on 6 June 2019. In 1944 Jim was a 15 year old 'galley boy' serving with the Merchant Navy on the ship Empire Larch. On the morning of 6th June, his first deep sea trip took him to Normandy to help build the Mulberry Harbour, allowing the Royal Navy to transport personnel, vehicles and supplies onto the beaches. 25 years later Jim returned to find a very different scene. Children were playing where soldiers had died and Jim was moved to tears. His emotional song tells that story. We also heard from four students who had visited Normandy with the school in June 2019. Ben Fullilove expertly played the Last Post to introduce our time of silence.

Mr Martin reminded us that it is important to remember, and it is especially important to consider the importance of peace. We should remember that peace starts here, with us and between us. It starts with us, each single one of us, and it should be at the heart of our attitudes towards each other.

Mrs Baker, Team Leader for History  
Mrs Smith, Team Leader for Music

## Sixth Form Open Evening

### Sixth form open evening

Every year each sixth form in Milton Keynes opens their doors to the outside world to show off their wares, the courses they offer and to show Milton Keynes the benefits of coming to their sixth form. This year it was Thursday 14 November – from 6pm to 8pm for Shenley Brook End.

We welcomed at least 450 potential students through our doors as we gave out physical copies of the prospectus and many students came with friends and family so it was very busy indeed. At various times different teams were swamped with eager students and parents of eager students.

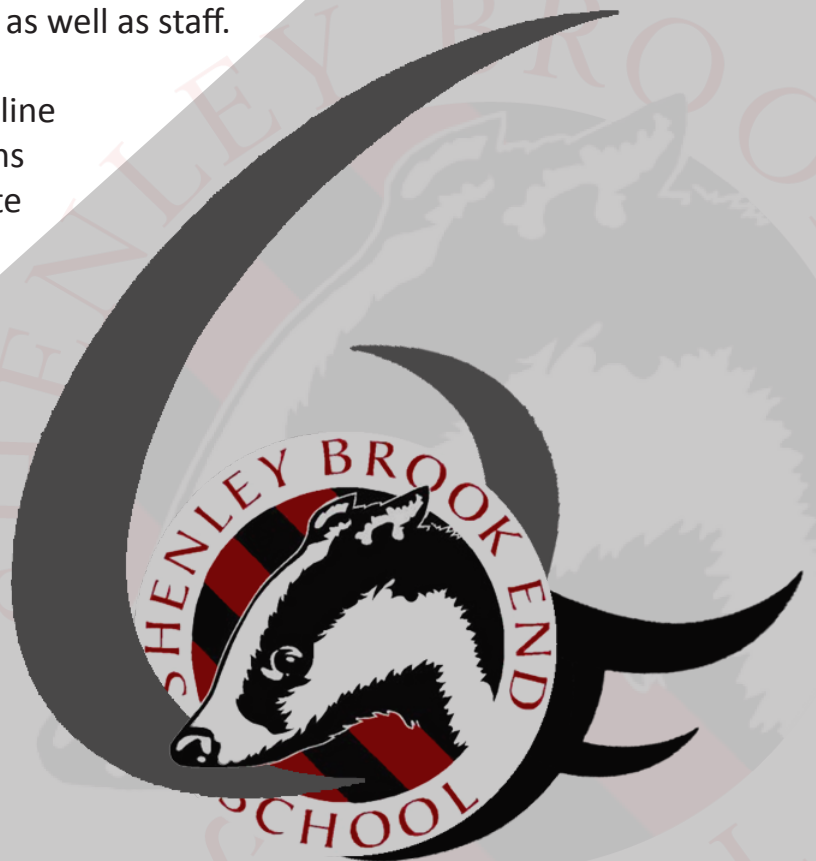
As the Director of Sixth form I gave two speeches at 6.15pm and 7.00pm in which I gave reasons why Shenley Brook End is an excellent sixth form. However, I was over shadowed by the speeches from four of our sixth form students. They were Head Boy and Girl - Alex Taylor and Samantha Jasi and 2 new students to the school in year 12 – Hazel Phanchang-Basra and Jack Walmsley. They were outstanding, giving articulate and honest speeches to the two packed theatres. I am used to speaking to large groups of people but they are not and they were outstanding.

Thank you to all staff who worked hard on this night and the multitude of students who helped out in each team – without student help this would not happen. What better way to see if this sixth form is right for you by talking to current students as well as staff.

The next steps are students should apply on-line by Monday 27 January 2020. Any applications received after this date will be considered late applications.

I look forward to receiving student applications for our sixth form.

Mr Greenhalgh  
Director of Sixth Form





## PE News



## Kit Amnesty

Kit Amnesty:

Please can all parents of students who have played for the school football team check at home for any SBE football kit that may be there. We have lost several items of kit over the past few months. We understand that items may have ended up at home with the intention of being returned, but have never actually been returned. Please bring back anything you may have to the PE office – no questions will be asked.