



Sheffield Park Academy Class of 2019



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter and the final newsletter of this academic year. - what a year it has been!

As you will see over the next few pages, our students have been involved in some fantastic extra-curricular activities right up until the very end of term. I continue to be so proud of all of their hard work and determination and look forward to seeing what they will go on to achieve next year.

From myself and my team here at Sheffield Park Academy, we wish you all a restful summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 4th September.

Mrs D. McShane - Principal

Back in March, students attended the Get Up To Speed event at Magna Science Adventure Centre in Sheffield where they were involved in running stalls for the Better Learners Better Workers programme and also our Innovation Robotic Challenge group that you may remember from previous newsletters.

Students did a fantastic job on the day, speaking to visitors and showing great knowledge and passion. So much so that they were

awarded with the runners up prize in the 'Innovation Challenge', a well deserved award after all their hard work. A special mention also goes to Year 9 student, Piper (third from right, above) who was awarded the 'Outstanding Individual' award for being the student that impressed the judges most on the day.

Since the event, we have received a number of comments from local businesses who were in attendance and wanted to share how impressed they were with Sheffield Park Academy students at the event. One Director in particular said that our students were "a credit to the school, themselves and their families".

We couldn't agree more!



STEM Award Winners



We are so proud of our amazing Coding Team who have been taking part in the British International Education Association (BIEA) National STEM Competition, designing a drone to be used to monitor endangered species from above. The students have worked incredibly hard throughout this project.

All their hard work and dedication paid off when they were not only presented with a national STEM award, but went on to win the 'Best Creativity Award' for the entire competition - even more impressive considering they were competing against students from 32 other countries around the world!

We are extremely proud of the whole team (pictured) and a big thank you to Mr Siva for overseeing the project and supporting the team.



Junior Maths Challenge

Students Jason and Huzaifa achieved Gold certificates in the Junior Maths Challenge this term and as a result, were both invited to take part in the Kangaroo Challenge. Huzaifa received a Kangaroo Qualification and Jason received a Merit - meaning he placed in the top 25% of all participants in the UK. Even more impressively, Jason's score beats that of our very own Head of Maths, Mr Stankiewicz!

Well done to both boys for doing so well.

Sports and fundraising

Gold Medal Winners

A group of our Year 7 students took part in an event earlier this term to raise money for the charity Panathlon, who provide sporting opportunities to over 17,500 disabled young people each year. The event was a 'mini Paralympics' with students competing against other schools in a range of sporting events.

Our student leaders were a real credit to themselves and to the academy on the day and we are extremely proud of them for taking home a gold medal! Well done!



Fun in the Forest

Last month a group of our students went on an overnight residential visit to Walesby Forest Outdoor Adventure Activity Centre, in the heart of Sherwood Forest.

Students took part in lots of different activities ranging from body boarding, kayaking and raft building to abseiling and even indoor rock climbing whilst blindfolded! Lots of the students were trying these activities for the

very first time and we are extremely proud of their positive attitudes and determination.

Colour Run

Well done to all of the staff and students who took part in this year's colour run to raise money for The Meserani Project – helping to provide education to children in developing areas of Africa.

All those involved had great fun raising over £250 for a great cause.



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Game, Set, Match!

Some of our Students were lucky enough to visit Wimbledon earlier this month to watch some matches of this year's Championship. Everyone enjoyed seeing some great games of tennis and taking in the atmosphere of this world famous event.



Getting muddy to fight cancer!

Twenty of our Year 10 girls took part in the 'Pretty Muddy' event back in June to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

The 5k muddy obstacle course really challenges competitors physically and mentally and the girls showed great team work to get through the course together. We are very proud of them for raising money for such a worthwhile cause – they definitely deserved a shower by the time they reached the finish line!



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Year 11 Prom

After an extremely busy year, it was wonderful to celebrate the end of term with our students at the Year 11 Prom at the Mercure Hotel and Spa, Sheffield. Students worked so hard in the run up to their exams so it was lovely to see them all letting their hair down and dancing the night away.

Students and staff alike had dressed up for the occasion with some spectacular outfits. Awards were given on the evening for 'best dressed' male and female, 'prom king' and 'prom queen' and even 'class clown' and 'couple most likely to get married!' We look forward to welcoming some of you back to join VI Form in September and wish all of our Year 11 students well, wherever life takes you!

The next chapter...

Staff joined our Year 13 students for a leaver's meal earlier this term, following their final exams. Some of the students have been with us right through from starting in Year 7 so it was an emotional evening for all.

We have a number of students beginning their careers this summer, having secured their first jobs and have a number heading off to University across the country to study a range of subjects from Law to Biomedicine. We have no doubt that you will all go on to be successful young adults and wish you all well in the next chapter of your lives.



Looking to the future



Carolyn's Trust

This year, we were deeply saddened to receive the news that our dear friend and colleague Mrs Williams had passed away. Her love for Sheffield Park Academy and its staff and students was second to none and she has been sadly missed by us all.

We were especially keen to honor her memory in any way that we could and were pleased to hear that Mrs Williams' husband, Andrew, had set up 'Carolyn's Trust' in her memory. Andrew has very kindly said that all proceeds raised by the Trust will be donated to Sheffield Park Academy so that Mrs Williams' memory can live on here and benefit the students who attend over the years to come.

This term we held a competition to design the logo for the new Trust. We had some absolutely fantastic entries with students showing real passion and creativity. After much deliberation, Andrew decided that his winner was the design of Year 9 student Lewis – he was particularly

impressed that Lewis had incorporated the academy's logo into his design, with the added chef's hat and cooking utensils, which he said Mrs Williams would have loved. Well done Lewis!

We will share the final design once it is completed and look forward to raising lots of money for such a special cause.

Happy 10th Birthday!

This year marks 10 years since the first cohort of VI Form students graduated from Sheffield Park Academy. We held a 10 year anniversary alumni event, which was attended by over 30 ex-students from a range of year groups dating right back to the first year in 2009.

It was fantastic to hear all about everyone's families, lives and careers – ranging from teachers to international bankers! We look forward to holding many more alumni events in the future.



Education with character



Duke of Edinburgh

Students completed their D of E walks this term and we are very proud of their determination to succeed despite adverse weather and aching legs! Well done everyone.

Stepping back in time

Some of our budding Historians were lucky enough to travel to Poland this term and visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. The visit was extremely interesting, with students taking a tour of the site and learning about the history of events that took place there. Although they agreed that the trip had been quite moving, they all returned eager to learn more about History. We look forward to seeing what they uncover during their History lessons next academic year.



Languages



Emirates Stadium visit

Back in June, a group of our students visited The Emirates Stadium in London, home of Arsenal Football Club, to take part in the AFC Double Club programme. The programme uses football as a way of promoting languages within the wider community.



Students had a full tour of the stadium, including the pitch and the team dressing room.

Students were joined on their tour by the UK Secretary of State for Education, Damian Hinds, who enjoyed speaking to our students about life in Sheffield and what they particularly enjoy about learning a new language at school.

Students returned keen to work hard and do well in their MFL lessons and we look forward to seeing their progress.



Bien joué!

Earlier this term some of our KS3 students attended a French spelling bee at Mercia School, Sheffield. They competed against other students from across Sheffield and although they didn't win, we are extremely proud of how well they did. It is sometimes tricky to spell in English, let alone French! Well done to you all.

Dates for your diary

A level results day
GCSE results day

Thursday 15th August at 8am
Thursday 22nd August at 10am

Autumn Half Term 1

- Term starts: Wednesday 4th September 2019 until Friday 25th October 2019
INSET Day: Monday 2nd September 2019
INSET Day: Tuesday 3rd September 2019
- Half Term holiday: Monday 28th October 2019 until Friday 1st November 2019

Parent Communications

Parents, do we have your up to date contact details?

Our primary means of communication with home is via phone calls and text messages. Please help us in ensuring your contact details are up to date by contacting us with any changes asap.



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