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**Newsletter**  
Spring 2018

# Sport Relief

Colour Run Fun Helps Raise Money for Sport Relief



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# Executive Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of the many activities our pupils have enjoyed over the past few weeks.

I am delighted to announce that after a rigorous selection and interview process, we have appointed Mrs Deborah McShane as the new substantive Principal of Sheffield Park Academy. We look forward to welcoming Mrs McShane to Sheffield Park Academy in September and continue to be supported by Mr Hannan - Interim Head of School until then.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. Dillon  
Executive Principal

## WE Day

In recent years WE Day has taken the philanthropic world by storm; going global, with events in the United States, Canada and the UK. This year the Wembley SSE Arena played host to the event which brought together world-renowned speakers, A-list performers, and tens of thousands of young people. The event is to celebrate a year of action that has transformed communities and changed lives.

A selection of Year 10 and Year 11 Sheffield Park Academy pupils who have dedicated their time and efforts to fundraise for charity throughout the year were invited to attend.

Despite the 4am departure time, pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were inspired by speakers such as Princesses Beatrice, Princess Eugenie and Holly Branson and entertained by acts including Tokyo Myers and Alexandra Burke.



# Debating Matters

Our amazing VI Form pupils travelled to Leeds Beckett University on Wednesday 28th March to pit their debating skills against other schools from the north of England.

This is the second year we have entered this national debating competition and each year in whatever format we compete in, the standard of competition gets better. Pupils did a brilliant job arguing some very tough points. These skills will be essential for them when they move to University and beyond.



## Sheffield Futures Debating competition

Pupils in the Academy Debating team (SPADA) did a fantastic job recently when they visited the Sheffield City Council Debating Chamber.

Here they took on students from other schools in Sheffield. This was a different type of debating to their normal rules and made a great change from other competitions that they have been to. Pupils from years 7-10 represented the Academy.



Sheffield Park Academy combined paint and PE to help raise over £200 for Sport Relief.

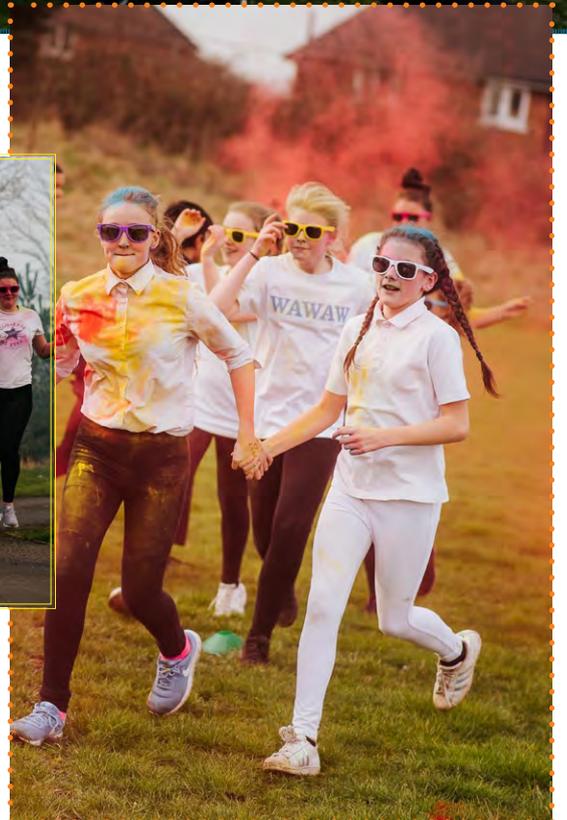
50 pupils from Years 7 to 9 paid to take part in the specially organised colour run, with their peers also paying for the privilege of throwing paint at them.

The event was the culmination of a week long programme of activities in support of Sport Relief (running from 17th-23rd March), including 30 second challenges in press ups, skipping and rowing, as well as basketball and crossbar challenges.

Executive Principal Mr Dillon commented “Supporting those less fortunate than ourselves is an important part of life here at Sheffield Park Academy and we were more than happy to lend our support to Sport Relief, as well as helping to raise a few smiles in the process.”



# Relief



# From snakes to giant snails, Zoolab bring some animal magic to Sheffield Park Academy

Some of the secrets of the animal kingdom were revealed to pupils recently when Zoolab brought a selection of exotic and exciting creatures to the school.

Following a lesson on tropical rainforests, the Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils' studies were brought to life thanks to a visit from the animal handling company, who brought in a collection of creatures including a giant African land snail, cockroach, millipede, gecko, scorpion and corn snake.



Pupils and staff had the opportunity to hold or stroke the animals, learning about their diet, habitat and other fascinating facts, including how giant African land snails survive by eating bones, whilst cockroaches can survive without their heads!

Miss Ruscoe, who organised the visit commented:

"We were extremely lucky to have had a visit from Zoolab, which really helped to bring the pupils learning to life. Their excitement and enthusiasm made all of the planning worthwhile and the standard of questioning was excellent. I'm sure those involved will remember the visit for a long time. A huge 'thank you' to all involved."



# Duke of Edinburgh



This year sees our biggest DofE cohort yet, and pupils were put through their paces for the first time this year on their practice expedition.

Due to poor weather they were not able to complete the practice walk, something that goes a long way to assisting them in navigation skills. However, all those involved should be proud of themselves, completing both days despite the cold weather.

We are very much looking forward to the assessed expedition.



## Football Fever

24 pupils made the trip to Wembley to see England play Italy recently.

Sheffield Park Academy pupils had the best seats in the house, they were so close they could nearly touch the goalposts.

It was a great game, although pupils all agreed the controversial penalty which denied England a win should not have been awarded.



# Dates for your diary

## Summer Half Term 1

- Term starts: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- INSET DAY: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

## Summer Half Term 2

- Term starts: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- INSET DAY: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- INSET DAY: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018
- INSET DAY: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018



## 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.

You can do this by emailing [info@sheffieldparkacademy.org](mailto:info@sheffieldparkacademy.org) or calling the Academy directly on 0114 2392661.

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