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John McNally | Principal

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Dear Parent and Carer

We are fast approaching the end of our 2016/17 academic year, a year filled with great events and success stories that we will remember for a very long time. Sadly though, it is also a year where we have seen too many tragic events in the news, which our students commemorated in school with compassion and maturity that made us proud.

Preparations for our last week in school are now in full swing and I would like to remind you that school closes to pupils on Friday, 21st July at 2pm, unless you would like your child to remain in school, supervised until 3pm. Students will be welcomed back into school on Tuesday, 5th September 2017.

We have experienced a huge increase in the number of pupils attending medical appointments on the last few days of term. For this reason, any such appointments made between midday on Wednesday, 19th and 3pm on Friday, 21st July will not be authorised, unless we receive evidence of the appointment, e.g. an official appointment card or letter from a doctor or dentist.

For those students who will be returning in August for A-level and GCSE exam results day, please see our school opening times below. We are very proud of all our Year 11 and 13 students this year, they worked exceptionally hard towards their examinations and we are confident that this will pay off when the results arrive. I would also like to thank staff at the school who have worked tirelessly with the students to ensure they achieved their personal best.

A-Level Results Day

Thursday, 17th August 2017
School opening times: 9am – 12 noon.

GCSE Results Day

Thursday, 24th August 2017
School opening times: 9am – 12 noon.

If your son or daughter is unable to collect their results in person, they may hand in a stamped addressed envelope to the exams office before the end of term and we will post the results home.



I met with Paula Sherriff last week, following my letter to her expressing my concerns about proposals for a National Schools Funding Formula, which would have seen Shelley College receiving funding cuts to our annual budget. Paula was supportive and has promised to raise the issue with the Secretary of State. She has also offered to meet our students next academic year, to talk about democracy more generally.

'Valuing People, Supporting Personal Best'



Once again, we are overwhelmed by the talent, enthusiasm and dedication our students show, not only towards their studies but their extra-curricular activities too, managing to balance their school work and home life with great success. We are very proud of you all! I would like to share a few highlights with you:-

Students raised £616 for cancer research by completing the 2k Race for Life during their PE lessons. A special mention to Leo Hunter who is now 6th on the all-time Shelley College cross country list, spanning 11 years and 4,000 participants.

Madelaine Carr, following her auntie's death raised £625 for Kirkwood Hospice and has carried on supporting the Hospice in other fundraising activities.

Sophie Doherty had a poetry book published, which is now being sold in Waterstones.

Our staff and students donated staggering amounts of food and essentials to The Welcome Centre in Huddersfield.

Jacob Adams secured work placement at Skelmanthorpe Heritage Centre in digital archiving and was noted as a 'credit to the school'.

Jack Walmsley won 3 out of his 6 matches at the British Junior Open Squash championships. Jack was one of 21 boys from England to qualify in the U15's draw.

Isabelle Carpenter had an article published on the World Archery website and competed alongside her brother Adam in the World Cup in Nimes, where they both performed brilliantly.

Olivia Gedman saw her AS Prose response uploaded by the exam board to their website as a top level exemplar.

Jodie Ounsley has been selected for the U-18 England rugby academy.

Ben Roebuck won a photography competition run by Moors for the Future Partnership in the U15's category. The project was entitled 'Water in the Uplands'.

Kane Berry, Lizzie Coopland, Ben Roebuck and Amelia Akrill won 2 gold awards in the Rotary Technology Tournament, for their portfolio and design skills, also winning praise for their excellent conduct.

2 teams competed in the Kirklees School Games Kurling competition with an all Shelley final. Lauren Emerson, Georgina Waft and Oliver Storey-Dunne will represent West Yorkshire at the next competition to be held in the summer. 34 students had their poetry printed in 'Busta Rhyme' Poetry book this year, a triumph for Shelley College.



Aaliyah Powell will represent GB at the Junior European Taekwondo championships in Cyprus in November.

Felicity Gledhill who cycles for Team Sun Sport Velo won the Darley Moor Road Race back in May. Ethan Day represented the NE England & Yorkshire U17's Talent Centre in the CP Cup Tournament and won, beating close rivals NW England.

12 Shelley College students graduated from the Brilliant Club after finishing a Scholars Programme, completing a final assignment of 2,000 words.

Archie Greaves has been chosen to play for the Yorkshire Elite Junior Cricket team.

GCSE and A-Level Dance students performed at Alton Towers with six other secondary schools in a street dance flash-mob in front of the attraction visitors as they entered the park.

Felicity Gledhill came second in the Bourne Wheelers Junior Road Race.

Good luck to Amelia Akrill, Charlie Matthews and the rest of the Barnsley Youth Choir who will be competing in the 2017 European Choir Games in Riga this month and to Lauren and Kahlan McCormack who will be participating in the 25th Anniversary

Opening Parade at Disneyland Paris.

Sporting highlights

Athletics: Well done to the year 9 and 10 boys and girls athletics teams who have been exceptional this season. Both teams qualified from the Kirklees finals to the regional finals and we have had some students selected to represent Kirklees in the County finals.

Netball: Both the year 9 and 10 finished runners up in the Huddersfield schools league.

Rounders: The year 9 team finished runners up in the Huddersfield schools tournament.

Hockey: Year 9 finished runners up in the Kirklees schools league.

Rugby: It has been Shelley's most successful ever rugby season with the year 9 and 10 team both reaching finals. The year 9 team reached both the Kirklees and Yorkshire plate final and the year 10 team reached the Kirklees final. As you would expect in a final, the team played some very tough opposition, but were a real credit to the school and gave everything on the night. The players will have learnt a lot from the experience and will take this into next season's tournaments. Well done to all players involved for their commitment and effort.

Cricket: The year 9 team are due to play Woodhouse Grove in the Yorkshire cup semi-finals and the year 10 team are through to the Huddersfield schools cup final. As a result of winning the Yorkshire cup last year the year 10 team represented Yorkshire in North of England finals. After beating Trent

College in the quarter-finals the team lost to Merchant Taylors from Liverpool in the semi-finals, an excellent achievement.

Football: The year 10 team beat Holmfirth to win the Huddersfield cup and the 6th form team won the West Yorkshire league. Year 11 were runners up in the Huddersfield league.

Pyramid Sport: The pyramid sports partnership organise around 30 events for our feeder schools over the academic year. There has been an increase of 9% of children from reception to year 5 taking part in these events which has been



led by leaders from Shelley College and both Middle schools. Thank you to all the leaders who have helped make these events a positive experience for the children in our feeder schools.

Student Leadership update

In this academic year our Student Leadership programme, thanks to the students themselves, has really gone from strength to strength. Students have been more involved than ever in their participation in wider school and community efforts, which are already planned to continue into 2017/18. Well over £3000 has been raised for charities and charitable causes both in the UK and abroad, as well as great work being done for local charities which are close to our hearts.

In addition, the students should be extremely proud of themselves for their tremendous work during our successful application for the Investors in Pupils Award, which we received outstanding feedback for, especially in relation to the attitude and approach of those students who lead the inspection day, a daunting task for anyone.

Student leaders have impacted on our school policies and procedures and provided a wealth of feedback to support us in moving forward over the coming academic years.

We are currently recruiting for our Year 11 and Sixth Form Head Boy and Girl positions, which already look set to be filled with some wonderful young people prepared to continue the work of this year's cohort.



Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to all the students who received their Duke of Edinburgh Awards at the annual presentation ceremony in the Town Hall. As

usual Shelley College gained more Bronze and Silver Awards than any other school or organisation in Kirklees, with 58 students achieving their Bronze and 16 Silver. Thomas Saxton, Joe Hill and Georgi McKie also gave brilliant musical performances to rousing applause.



Excursions

We have this year waved off and welcomed back a staggering 76 trips! Students have been lucky enough to visit Amsterdam, Berlin, Livigno and Wimbledon to name but a few and have taken part in many subject based field trips, theatre and sporting activities. Students are also really looking forward to their Reward Day outings on 20th July. There is a tremendous amount of hard work goes into the preparation of these excursions, with planning for next year's outings already in full swing – thank you to everyone involved.



Communication

Next year will see the launch of our new website for the College. We are always looking at ways of improving our communication and would welcome any suggestions you may have. Please feel free to email us your ideas at mainoffice@shelleycollege.org. For those of you, whose sons and daughters have just joined us in Year 9, you can keep up to date with news stories and events from the week by reading our parent newsletter on the website via the following link <http://home.shelleycollege.org/news>. You can always follow us on twitter too @ShelleyCollege.



SHARE Multi-Academy Trust

Not only have we been looking at ways to improve our communication regarding the College but we have this term launched our new SHARE Multi-Academy Trust website, to build our Multi-Academy Trust presence, which Shelley College are proud to be a part of. Please take a look at our new website via the following link www.sharemat.org to learn more about the Trust and read about our aims and goals for the next academic year.



Staff

I would like to wish the staff that are leaving us this term every happiness and success for the future and thank them for their valued contribution to Shelley College: Dr Joanna Rhodes – Assistant Principal, Director of Science; Mr Daniel Kilner – Teacher of English; Bothwell Tsigia – Teacher of Mathematics; Miss Katherine Rilon – Director of Biology; Mr Daniel Sullivan – Teacher of English.

Finally, thank you parents for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and the weather is kind!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John McNally'.

John McNally
Principal

