

Shelley College

Weekly E-Bulletin for Parents



Friday, 8th September 2017

Welcome to the first bulletin of the new academic year. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and got a chance to relax and feel refreshed.

The first week back seems to have gone exceptionally well. The students have already settled into good routines, both in class and around school. I can honestly say I think it has been the best start in many years – in spite of the unusually wet weather for this time of year.

You will probably be aware that every student in years 9 to 11 will now be carrying a Commitment to Learning Card, to enable staff to record achievements and any concerns. This will also give you a chance to see more information about how your son or daughter is getting on and we have plans to trial an App, which will further improve the communication. Watch this space for more information.

The new toilet system, with individual cubicles is also working well and I hope those of you who had worried about the changes now feel reassured about the privacy and higher standards we promised you.

We welcomed a number of new staff this week:

Mr Belk – Teacher of History
Mrs Hodgson – Teacher of Languages
Miss Hoyland – Teacher of Languages
Miss Mo – Teacher of Mathematics
Miss Mountain – Teacher of PE
Mrs O'Neill – Teacher of English
Mr Stack – Teacher of English
Mr Waddington – Administration team.

I am sure you will join with me in wishing them every success at Shelley.

You may be interested to know that our Year 11 and 6th form examination results were really strong this summer. The new style GCSE in English and mathematics produced some very strong performances and our teachers prepared the students really well for all the curriculum changes. We are, of course, still in the middle of great changes in the qualifications system but I hope this gives you some reassurance that our staff are well on top of the changes and your child will be helped every step of the way.

I hope you have a great weekend and a very happy (academic) new year.

John McNally
Principal



BUS

Following our communications this week regarding the issues we experienced with some service buses on Monday, I can now confirm that everything has been resolved and back to normal.

The 421 will run the full route and the 426 will be a double decker bus.

The 81 bus is being replaced and run by First Bus Co. This is now the 80 bus service and will run the same route as the previous 81 bus. Any students who have a priority boarding pass for the 81 bus will continue to use this on the new 80 bus.

Thank you for your support and patience whilst this was being resolved.

COMMITMENT TO LEARNING – ACHIEVEMENT AND BEHAVIOUR

After a review of Commitment to learning (CTL) and feedback from stakeholders we have made a slight change to the policy.

Students will now be required to carry a commitment to learning card each week. This will allow staff to sign the card in class and around school for behaviour and achievements. The purpose of this card is to increase information we share with parents. Please ask to see your son/daughter's CTL card and sign it on a Thursday evening.

In addition, we have signed up to a trial which allows parents to download a secure app to their mobile device. The app connects to the school information management system and allows parents up to date, attendance, behaviour and achievement information.

I am currently looking for parents that would be willing to trial the app over the next few weeks, if you are interested please will you email catherine.littlewood@shelleycollege.org. We are hoping to launch the app to all parent/carer(s) before October half term.

If you have a questions or would like further information, please contact your son/daughter(s) Student Manager.

Kindest regards,

Jenny Carr (Vice Principal) and the Pastoral team

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Year 10 – Bronze

There will be a 'Welcome' meeting for all students and their parents on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm in the New Hall. Please park at the rear of the school and enter via the back door. Students will receive their enrolment packs and parents will be given an information leaflet with many details about the Bronze Award, including essential details about the expedition section.

Please let me know if you are unable to attend, so that I can arrange to forward you the "Shelley DofE Handbook".

Year 11 and Sixth Form

Please encourage your son/daughter to complete their Bronze or Silver Award by uploading personal evidence and an assessor's report for each section, on the DofE site. In order to receive their award at the next Presentation ceremony in January 2018, all awards have to be signed off by myself first and then submitted to Kirklees as the Operating Authority for final approval, by the end of October.

There is a support session every Thursday lunchtime for any student who requires help or advice regarding their Award. For this half-term, I have arranged for this to be in the computer room C31.

Should you have any queries regarding the DofE Award or the status of your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Carol Morgan
DofE Coordinator
Carol.Morgan@shelleycollege.org

EQUIPMENT

Thank you for your support with uniform and equipment, the students have returned to school looking extremely impressive and they have been working very hard. We really appreciate your support in making the start of term so positive.

Kind regards,

Jenny Carr (Vice Principal) and the Pastoral team

PARENTS INFORMATION EVENINGS

Year 12 Parents Information Evening is on Wednesday 13th September 6-7pm in the new hall. Please contact Amelia.Dukeson@shelleycollege.org if you wish to attend. This evening is for parents only.

Year 9 Parents curriculum information evening is on Thursday 14th September 6-7pm in the new hall. The evening is for parents only as students will receive the information through our assembly programme.

SPORT NEWS

YEAR 9 TEAM TRIALS

There are trials this week for any year 9 students who would like to represent the schools teams this half term 3-4pm:

Monday - Football
Tuesday - Hockey
Wednesday - Netball
Thursday - Badminton and table tennis

SPORTS HOODIES

There is an opportunity to buy a sports hoody which can be worn in PE lessons, at sports clubs and when representing school teams. The navy blue hoody costs £21 which includes the school badge and name/initial on the front. If any student would like a letter these are available from the red tray outside the PE office.

FIXTURES

On Wednesday the year 11 netball team play Honley away.
On Thursday the year 9 football team play Holmfirth away.
On Thursday the year 11 rugby team play Holmfirth away.

NEW SPORTS CLUB

On Wednesday there is a Taekwondo club starting in the gym 3-4pm for all years. If any student would like to attend please get changed and meet in the gym at 3.10pm on Wednesday.

REPRESENTATIVE STUDENTS

Good luck to the year 9 and 10 girls who have been selected for the Kirklees netball trials on Monday at King James and to the 5 year 11 boys who have a trial at New College on Tuesday for West Yorkshire schools.

PYRAMID SPORT

On Tuesday the year 4 and 5 children from the feeder schools take part in the annual cross country race held at Thurstonland First School.

ROKT CLIMBING

On Friday 14th July the Year 10 Sports Leadership group had a fantastic experience at ROKT climbing centre in Brighouse, where they climbed the largest outdoor man-made climbing wall in the UK! All students performed well many of them pushing past their fear of heights and exceeding their own personal goal set. There were outstanding performances from Dylan Ambler-Heyhoe and Spencer Reid who were very quick and determined to get to the very top of the wall on more than one occasion. The group worked fantastically as a team supporting each other in reaching their personal best in the session! Well done!

WIMBLEDON

On Wednesday 12th July, 44 students attended our annual trip down to Wimbledon. As always, behaviour was immaculate and the attending staff were extremely proud of the way in which the students represented themselves and our college. After setting off at 4:30am, it's fair to say that enthusiasm in some was lacking... However, after leaving Wimbledon at around 8:00pm, the students unanimously agreed that it was an experience which they will never forget! We were fortunate enough to witness some fantastic tennis, and many of the students took time out to do some celebrity spotting outside of the VIP tent too...

After a jam-packed day of sport, we made the short trip to our hotel on the Chessington World of Adventure theme park. Despite Mr Senior admitting he was terrified of the Zebra which were grazing just outside of the hotel rooms, we all had a good rest and made the most of the 'all you can eat' breakfast buffet the following morning. The students spent their final day enjoying themselves in the theme park and zoo, before making the long journey back to Shelley College.

We are very much looking forward to returning next year!



SPY SCHOOL FOR CITV

A company have been in touch with us regarding a brand new action adventure game show called Spy School for CITV. Please be aware we are only forwarding this message on and parents would need to ensure they look into the safeguarding arrangements for their child should they apply, message below:

We'll be filming in November and December this year and are looking for 12-16 year olds to take part. We will be holding auditions across the UK.

The aim of the show is for contestants to complete various challenges (physical such as an assault course and mental such as code breaking and memory tasks) to obtain clues that send a presenter on a secret mission around London. This mission ends at a landmark where the presenter and the contestants work together to complete the final challenge and hopefully succeed in their mission. Each episode is a different mission with different landmarks and the contestants will work together in pairs. It is a really exciting opportunity giving successful students the chance to see how a TV show is recorded, as well as building on their teamwork, leadership and problem solving skills!

Any child interested can (with their parent's permission) contact us on spyschool@zodiakkids.com for an application form.

UPDATES BY DEPARTMENT

HISTORY

Y11 revision homework timetable: Half term 1

Please see attached revision schedule for Y11 history students to for this half term. Students have been given advance notice of revision activities and should use their homework time to revise and prepare accordingly. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Tanner, Mrs Burgess or Miss Swinden.

W/C	Revision test	Unseen assessment in lesson time	Thursday intervention 3pm-4pm in H76
11/9/17	The Weimar Republic	Elizabeth and the Cuban Missile Crisis	Origins of the Cold War
18/9/17	The Nazi Party until 1929		Cold War events to 1948
25/9/17	1929-1933: Becoming Chancellor	Elizabeth and Germany in the 1920s	Berlin Blockade and Airlift
2/10/17	Turning Germany into a dictatorship		Hungary and the 1950s
9/10/17	The police state, propaganda and opposition	Elizabeth and the Berlin Blockade and Airlift.	Berlin Wall
16/10/17	Life in Nazi Germany		Cuban Missile Crisis