



# Shelley College

## Weekly E-Bulletin for Parents

### **Friday, 9th March 2018**

I think there is one thing we can all agree on this week, which is we have hopefully seen the last of the snow! It has been an exceptional couple of weeks and we are very conscious we now need to do everything we can to help students catch up. We are already at the point where a number of practical and speaking examinations need to be rearranged and there are less than three weeks to go to the end of term.

There are some fabulous student achievements to celebrate this week. Well done to Maddie Adams, Ellie Powell, Freddie Smith and Georgia Mckie – please read on for their success stories.

Apparently, we are promised a much warmer weekend – I do hope you enjoy it.

John McNally

Principal

## **SKILLS FOR LIFE**

As part of our Skills 4 Life programme at Shelley College, we have invited Teenage Cancer Trust to speak to our Year 10 students on 29<sup>th</sup> March about cancer and health.

### **Who is the Teenage Cancer Trust?**

Teenage Cancer Trust is a national charity dedicated to help young people fight cancer. Teenage Cancer Trust's national Understanding Cancer Education presentation is endorsed by the Government as it raises awareness of cancer which can lead to earlier diagnosis of cancer in the long term.

### **What information will the presentation include?**

The presentation will last for around an hour and is an interactive opportunity for students to learn about and discuss:

- What cancer is
- Common Signs and Symptoms
- The impact of cancer on a young person
- Types of Treatment
- Healthy Living

By the end of the presentation, all students should know more about early warning signs and how they can reduce their risk of cancer later in life. Throughout the presentation students will be encouraged to become the experts of their own body and to speak to health professionals about any concerns.

### **Who will be delivering the presentation?**

The presentation will be given by a trained professional speaker from Teenage Cancer Trust and is delivered in a sensitive way.

If you have any concerns, please do speak to Mrs Carr or Miss Swinden.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **FOOTBALL**

On Wednesday the year 10 team play Honley away and the year 11 team play Holmfirth at home, both games are in the cup.

### **HOCKEY**

On Monday the year 9 leaders are officiating the Kirklees finals at Newsome high.

On Tuesday the under 16 team play in a tournament at Lockwood Park.

### **NETBALL**

On Monday the year 9 play North Huddersfield Trust away.

On Wednesday the year 9 and 10 teams play at Salendine Nook.

### **6TH FORM SPORT**

On Wednesday the team play Brooksbank away.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

As of Monday we will be running table tennis club on the PE balcony from 8-8.30am.

## PYRAMID SPORT

On Tuesday there is an under 6's football tournament held at both Scissett and Kirkburton Middle school which involves 12 schools.

On Wednesday there is an inclusion event held at Shelley College 10-11am.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Maddie Adams in year 12 who competed last week in the Las Vegas Acro Club securing a bronze medal. An amazing achievement, well done Maddie!



Well done to Ellie Powell in year 11 who has got through to Top Model 2018. Her fundraising page can be found on the following link: <https://topmodel2018.everydayhero.com/uk/ellie-p-editorial>

Well done to Head Boy Freddie Smith who received an offer from Trinity Laban this week to study Contemporary Dance at degree level.

Well done to year 12 Georgia McKie who after interview has secured a place on the Target Oxbridge scheme. <https://targetoxbridge.co.uk/>

## UPDATES BY DEPARTMENT

### ART

Yet again, the art team were thrilled to be able nominate two of our A-Level students for the Huddersfield Arts Society Hamer Award (<http://www.huddartsoc.webeden.co.uk/hamer-award/4594112911>). Two students from Shelley College, Greenhead College and New College were selected to receive prizes of £150 (first) and £100 (second). Our nominations were as follows:

#### Rosa Lowry - 1st prize

Rosa joined us in year 12 having not studied GCSE art but with bags of enthusiasm. She has shown full commitment to her work from the very start and has set her sights high. She started year 12 with an interest in surreal art forms and explored the mixing of portraiture and nature, this then progressed into the combining the figure and nature and culminated in an expiration into the representation of the female form in a variety of styles. Following a highly successful attendance on a life drawing course, Rosa discovered an affinity to recording the human form and has explored recording this in a variety of styles and media, but has also developed her recording skills significantly and we are now all pushing for the A grade (and maybe beyond) that Rosa deserves. Rosa is genuinely an absolute joy to teach and we are very proud of her and her artistic journey. Rosa is next is intending on pursuing her love of the French language and planning to study it at degree level - our suggestion is that she studies art in France - the best of both worlds!



#### Molly Vaughan - 2nd prize

Molly studied GCSE Art and achieved a successful B grade but always had the potential to push beyond that grade. She was always committed and full of enthusiasm in her studies but lacked the self belief and confidence that we believed she should have. Molly has grown into her artistic self in the last year and is now more confident in her abilities (still not as much as she should be!) and this is in turn supporting her in developing her technique. Like Rosa, Molly attended life drawing sessions and also discovered an affinity with recording the human form. She has explored working with a range of media with high success and has mastered both drawing and painting and is exploring more academic ideas within her work regarding the 'social control of women through the projected expectation of 'perfection''. Molly is now a very capable artist when working with a number of media and we believe that this is just the start of her journey. Molly has a delightful manner and is also a joy to teach - her temperament and positive outlook is highly suited to her career choice of Primary School Teaching and I am certain that she will be highly successful in this area. We are very proud of Molly!



## GCSE Art Department Exam Update

If your child studies GCSE Art, I would like to make you aware that they have an exam on the 17th and 18th of April that is not listed in the formal exam schedule they have received over the last few days. They received their exam question paper in Jan and are now busy working on creating a project in response to a stimulus theme set by the exam board. The exam project makes up 40% of their overall grade so is a significant contributor to their result in the summer. The remaining 60% is awarded from their coursework which they have created throughout year 10 and the start of year 11.

We now have only three school weeks left before they sit their 10 hour exam (conducted over two days in school) in which they create their final outcome. As you are aware, they have missed four school days due to snow and this has meant that many students could not work in their sketchbooks during that time. For many students this has impacted on the progress that they have made. Therefore we are looking at how we can best support them to catch up and reach their full potential. The department can offer the following catch up sessions:

- Lunchtimes in the art rooms.
- After school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- We have Photoshop workshops running on the 12th and 19th of March with Mrs Cheesbrough in the Mac suite - 3pm-5pm.
- We will also run some catch up dates during the Easter holidays during which students can come in and work with art staff prior to the exams on the 17th and 18th.

We would really appreciate any support that you can also offer in giving your child an extra push to complete their art exam over the coming weeks. Feel free to remind them that they will have extra holiday time after they have completed their summer exams - the 'free time' that they spend on their school work now will be paid back during that time. More importantly, that the biggest reward comes from them opening their exam envelope on GCSE results day and being able cheer with joy rather than groan with despair.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Art Department

## ENGLISH



SPaG

Clinic

Shelley College English Department, will be sending home fortnightly 'SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) Top Tips' and guidance for you to be able to support your child. It is a common area of weakness for our students, and as it forms such a high percentage of the written grade, it is something that can really benefit your child's progress and hopes for success.



## The pronouns

- I was
  - You were
  - He was
  - She was
  - It was
  - We were
  - They were
- It is vital you understand that this is **Standard English**. This is what you will be tested on in the exam
  - Yorkshire dialect does this in a different way. You have to know when it is appropriate to use Yorkshire dialect grammar or Standard English



## There...

- There was a cat on the roof
  - There were cats on the roof
- When using **There was** or **There were**, look at what comes next and follow the "singular or plural?" rule



## Singular and plural nouns

- The cat was...
  - The cats were...
- But:
- The crowd was...
  - The flock of sheep was...
- If the noun is singular, use **was**. If the noun is plural, use **were**
  - Watch out for collective nouns (names for groups of things)
  - There is only one crowd
  - There is only one flock



### Common mistakes

# was and were