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Dear Families and Friends of Sherbourne,

We have had a wonderful year at Sherbourne Fields and our school community has much to be proud of. Challenges have been taken on and overcome, targets have been reached and often exceeded, success has been enjoyed and rightly celebrated and the achievements of our pupils are far and wide, with personal development being at the heart of our school.

Our wonderful children in EYFS and Year 7 who joined us this year have consistently made us proud by settling into their new school and their new classes very quickly.

The Primary Dept have enjoyed a record number of trips and visits to support their curriculum and bring their learning to life this year – these have included visits to local parks, shops, the Butterfly Farm in Stratford and for some Twycross Zoo and the West Midlands Safari Park. These trips support the learning outcomes in our English and Maths curriculums as well as helping our pupils develop their social and independent living skills. Some of our pupils have been to visit the newly opened Charter House, in Coventry to learn about the significance of these historical buildings as part of our local History investigations. Visits to places of worship to support My Religion, My Culture have included visits to a Mosque, Temple and a local church. Our Rivers and Canals focus in Humanities has been supported by visits to Longford Canal Lock, the Coventry Canal Basin and the River Sherbourne and when investigating Coastal features and the effects of ocean plastic pollution Grey Class ventured to Gibraltar Point in Lincolnshire to identify eco systems and flora and fauna living by the coast. The investment in trips and visits is vital to ensuring our pupils have tangible and meaningful learning experiences and the impact continues to be very positive.

The development of oracy skills, has been clear this year with many opportunities that have allowed our pupils to take part in creative learning opportunities. From performing and recording their own poems, that were created in response to curriculum themes to whole class presentations of curriculum work in assemblies, the opportunities have been wonderfully varied. Representation on our student council by Primary pupils and our Secondary pupils attending meetings with local authority representatives to share their views have allowed our pupils to shine. Our pupil choir performing to whole school audiences has also facilitated development of these skills.

Utilising the newly built Immersion Room to support the curriculum has also been effective in engaging our pupils. Learning about the Solar System in Science was made magical and engaging by bringing the planets to life and surrounding the pupils with high quality detailed images. The immersion room has also been enjoyed by our pre-formal learners who have engaged and interacted beautifully with surrounding images of animals, plants and sea life to illustrate their termly topic focus. This new facility has been used extensively and has proven to have a positive impact on many levels.

Our Primary pupils have had many sporting opportunities this year. Our engagement with SEND Active has allowed our pupils to take part in events such as Power Chair Football, Tennis and Trampolining. We also held our own sports camp overnight in school with some primary pupils spending their first night away from home. The distraction of the zip wire and treasure hunt helped everyone enjoy an action-packed evening and exhaustion meant sleeping under canvas was barely noticed. Further afield a group of pupils enjoyed a very successful 3 day residential to the Pioneer

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Activity Centre in Kidderminster. Challenges galore were taken on by the pupils which included Fencing and an assault course. The evenings were just as exciting with a camp fire keeping the pupils warm while they reflected on what they had achieved that day. For many of these pupils this was the longest time ever away from home so that in itself was a huge achievement for some.

Primary and Secondary pupils enjoyed a day at the Tower of London recently – celebrating the end of our the SuperBloom Project that we had successfully been selected to be part of 35 pupils from Reception to KS5 spent a day exploring the Tower and the surrounding moat which was filled with wild flowers and pollinators that had been planted as part of this national project. Our pupils have been busy all year planting seeds, preparing raised beds, and creating Buzz Stops around school whilst learning about how to care for their natural environment. The project has been a huge success with valuable teaching and physical resources being provided or funded through the project. Our pupils also enjoyed taking part in an awards ceremony receiving a plaque for their hard work and involvement in the project and they were also treated to a visit to see the Crown Jewels as part of the celebrations.

Other celebrations this year have included being *awarded Arts Mark Gold* once again from the Arts Council – the feedback we received from our submission of work recognised our ‘commitment to continuing to develop our Arts Provision’ and noted that we ‘are emerging into a leadership role in the wider educational community’ Our Gold status will remain in place until 2025 before we begin a new Arts mark journey. We continue to be committed to ensuring our curriculum is delivered in a creative and imaginative way. Links with community partners such as Open Theatre and Soundabout to support curriculum delivery is vital, as is visiting local spaces such as the Herbert Art Gallery and Warwick Arts Centre that support many elements of our curriculum provision. In addition to our Arts Mark Gold award we were delighted to be awarded Gold Status for our continued commitment and the quality of delivery when taking part in the Shakespeare School Festival. The importance of being part of this national programme is far reaching. It not only supports a wide range of curriculum content and learning outcomes, it has been a big part of the personal development of many of our pupils who we have seen grow so much in confidence by taking part in the project.

On a more individual level the DofE award continues to present many rich learning opportunities to our KS4 and KS5 pupils who are working towards their DofE Bronze and Silver Awards. Most recently a group spent three days away at Island Meadow in Stratford – camping, cooking, fishing, hiking and forging friendships. The resilience, maturity, independence and self-confidence developed in our pupils when given these opportunities is evidenced by staff when back in school, and by parents who have given us such positive feedback about the personal growth their children have experienced.

Personal growth is also in abundance when we consider the impact of the Sherbourne Fields Angling Programme in partnership with the British Angling Association. This year another group of KS4 pupils have had the opportunity to join the programme and within a short time we were able to measure the positive engagement, interaction and interest shown by the group. As the group have developed their skills and they have keenly articulated the processes they have been involved in.

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Their knowledge has been impressive, but just as importantly is their huge sense of achievement when they have had a successful catch after demonstrating patience and application of new learning in the great outdoors. We hope that the Angling programme will spark a potential new interest for some pupils but at the very least we have seen the growth in self-confidence and self-belief which we feel will be far reaching both now and in the future.

Our World Class Schools status has again been cemented with more pupils having their achievements recognised by this national body. Pupil of the month was awarded to a further 3 pupils this year, for their personal achievements which made us very proud and last week we were overjoyed to receive notification that one of our Post 16 pupils has been awarded the incredible recognition of receiving World Class Schools, Pupil of the Year. We are incredibly proud of all of our pupils' achievements and feel the personal growth alongside the academic progress of our winning pupil exemplifies the story of many of our amazing pupils at Sherbourne Fields.

Our established and ever-growing Apiary now with six Bee Hives has been supported by pupils from Primary and Secondary following both the semi-formal and the formal curriculum pathways. As we have been able to evidence so much valuable new learning being introduced with this great resource we will continue to implement parts of our Science and Horticulture curriculums with our Apiary. The opportunity to develop enterprise, Maths and ICT skills through Bee Keeping is also part of the learning with pupils raising vital funds to support the Bees by harvesting and selling their Honey. As prize winners at the Coventry Bee Keepers Association annual honey show pupils and staff, (Jo especially) should be very proud of their achievements this year.

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust was also supported by our pupils earlier in the year through an enterprise afternoon, with pre-learning lessons on the importance of these pollinators. Due to our pupils' efforts in both learning and fund raising Sherbourne has been awarded Bee Friendly status!

Wider fundraising activities have been plentiful this year with KS3 supporting the local charity Carriers of Hope, who support Refugees, Asylum Seekers and other Migrants new to the City following their Humanities topic, Migration to Coventry.

Awareness of the City of Coventry is essential in preparing our pupils for adult life and part of that is to feel that you are an important part of your local community. Some of our older pupils have again been a very important voice in the city, taking part in the Ambassadors meetings Friargate to contribute to plans for out of school provision. The experience this gives our pupils is key to their wider development. This sense of self is also supported through our Work Experience programme which has been hugely successful this year – Coventry Rugby Club, Coventry Food Bank, Crow Recycling, Evtech Automotive and the White Lion pub all gave our pupils a rich and challenging experience. The knowledge and skills that our pupils had learnt in school were put to the test in real life situations and we were thrilled when the feedback all of our pupils received was overwhelmingly positive.

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More positive praise has been received by our secondary sports teams who have once again also enjoyed much success this year taking part in a range of tournaments including Table Cricket and Power Chair football supported by West Brom. A group of KS4 pupils also took part in Tennis lessons at the Kenilworth Tennis Club and were attentive and enthusiastic developing their skills every week. We are always incredibly proud of how our students present themselves at competitions and this year has been no exception!

An in-house competition was enjoyed by pupils across school with a Swimming Challenge set by Mark, our swimming coach. Our pupils were challenged with swimming the combined distance the Channel and they did not fail to impress with some pupils taking part in additional lunchtime swims to ensure they made it. This whole school challenge was a wonderful way to illustrate to our pupils what can be achieved together and they were rightly very proud of their achievements.

The Climbing Wall and Zip Wire have once again been a great success in supporting the personal development of our pupils this year alongside illustrating key concepts in our maths and Science curriculums. Pupils from across the school have attempted the climb, experiencing huge amounts of pride in their achievements whether that be taking an initial step onto the wall, being supported to reach a certain height or conquering the entire face independently. As always bravery and determination has been developed with many pupils surprising themselves with their achievement.

Secondary pupils following our semi-formal curriculum in KS3 have been out exploring the local area around school as well as investigating our in-school resources as source material for their own school prospectus. They have developed their digital literacy and ICT skills as well as their communication and social skills. The same groups have completed their Junior Dukes Award by taking part in a range of different sporting activities. They did extremely well, learning to use the facilities in our gym and now attend Gym Club!

Our Wedge Workshop pupils have to be mentioned for their hard work and commitment to developing new skills on their NOCN Skills for Employability course. They have continued to make a range of items for use across school and are well on their way to making some great items to sell at the Annual School BBQ, which we are determined will go ahead in sunny September! This course continues to provide a wealth of knowledge, develops new skills and offers an experience unlike any others within school. We have our new cohort ready to start the course in September and as ever pupils across school aspire to getting onto the course when they go into post 16.

Another activity that many pupils aspire to be part of is the annual Sherbourne Challenge. This year the challenge didn't involve climbing a mountain but did involve coasteering along a stretch of the Devon coast on day one, followed by a 12mile hike along a coastal path day two and finished on day three with paddle boarding on another coastal stretch. The pupils were remarkable, demonstrating resilience, bravery and sheer determination. In addition to the physical and mental challenge they undertook they also had the challenge of preparing and cooking an evening meal and lunches. It was a privilege to be part of this challenge and witness the pupils achieve so much enabling them to shine and return to school with such pride that will stay with them always.

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I have to mention our wonderful pupil in Post 16 – who passed his driving test earlier in the year and now drives confidently to and from school each day. The staff in post 16 gave up time to support this pupil in learning his theory and his hard work paid off.

We have celebrated all of our wonderful pupils in our Achievement Assemblies this year and it has been made even more special since the Spring Term when we have been welcoming families back into school in person.

As we have grown our building has taken shape to ensure our pupils have learning areas that allow them to flourish. The new addition of the Primary PMLD class, the immersion room and the new hygiene suite has really enhanced the experience of our most vulnerable pupils. Our new class in the Primary corridor provides an effective learning space with flooded with light and easy access to the outdoors and our new KS3 class is spacious and modern again ensuring our pupils are in the environment they deserve. The newly opened entrance to the school and our new electronic gates offers further security for our pupils. This area is also home for our Wedge Café, which will be re-opening in the Autumn Term offering those vital skills of employability to our pupils in our secondary dept. Plans are now afoot for an extension of our current Post 16 block to create teaching spaces for KS5 and KS4 to ensure they have the space, resources and the provision needed to continue to deliver the range of courses we offer. A new library and sensory story pod are also in our plans and after a hugely successful fund-raising event was hosted by the parents of our youngest child in school, raising more than 15k to fund this exciting addition to our school we are well on our way to making this happen. A huge THANKYOU to all of those who supported this event and by doing so will be making something magical happen.

So finally, I would also like to say a huge THANKYOU to our staff team for enabling our pupils to achieve so much and for being so child focused in ensuring each day is filled with positive learning opportunities.

it's time to wish you all a wonderful Summer Break and we look forward to welcoming you back to our Sherbourne community in September.

Best Wishes and Enjoy!!

Shivaun x



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Primary News

It has been such a busy summer term within Primary, full of lots of amazing opportunities, learning and highlights. Firstly, some of our students have demonstrated great bravery this term by partaking in their first residential. To begin the term, we took a group of 10 students to the Pioneer centre for a 3-day visit. We had a wonderful time partaking in an array of different activities such as camp fires, rock climbing and we met lots of different wild animals such as snakes and snapper-turtles. We also held our annual primary camp, students loved making their own pizza and cooking it within our pizza oven before toasting marshmallows around the campfire.

Our teachers have strived to ensure our pupils immerse themselves in as many real-life learning situations as possible, taking them on a vast number of different trips. Grey class have been to the beach whilst studying coastal eco-systems, Red class visited a Hindu temple and Orange class went to Twycross Zoo. These trips alongside trampolining, Coundon Wedge, Tocil wood and so many more have enriched our pupils' curriculum. Our children have loved experiencing the world around them and they have represented our school impeccably. Last week, Grey and Purple class represented the school in a dancing and singing exhibition in conjunction with the Royal Opera House. They worked really hard to learn a new song, dance moves and performed in front of the Lord Mayor and all of their families at Coventry Cathedral. A huge achievement by all, well done



A number of classes have been developing their independence around school. Our EYFS class, Yellow, have been exploring the wider school and meeting lots of new faces ahead of their transition into primary. Gold and White class have been practising their independence skills within the community, exploring the local area and keeping themselves safe. They also visited our local pub; The Brooklands for a tasty meal to show their positive behaviours in the community. Green and Silver class have treasured their Open Theatre sessions over the last term. Both classes have engaged so well throughout their sessions and it has had a huge impact on their social engagement and confidence. A huge thank you to Lydia from Open Theatre for providing our pupils with such a positive experience.

I would like to finish by thanking all of our pupils, staff and families for such a positive year and I wish you all a brilliant a restful summer holiday.

**Matthew Blower Assistant Head and
Sara Nelmes Deputy Head**



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Key Stage 3 News

This has been another busy term for Key Stage 3, we have enjoyed a variety of trips out in the community which have been linked to our curriculum and helped pupils develop a deeper understanding of what they are learning. Jo and Cindy's classes enjoyed their trip to Stratford-upon-Avon where they consolidated their learning about William Shakespeare and the text A Midsummer Night's Dream. The class explored how Shakespeare's work has inspired writers for generations and even stories such as The Lion King and Toy Story contain references and narratives from Shakespeare's work. While Emma's class were in Stratford-upon-Avon they also got to experience a chain ferry crossing which linked to their Humanities learning about rivers and canals. The class were able to watch a boat going through a lock and gain an understanding of how boats travel up and down hills.



In My Thinking Sue's class have done some fantastic work on heavy on light and explored these concepts out in the sun shine using jugs of water and a fan to experiment with which things were light enough to be blown and which were too heavy. A great example of the hard work done in this class every day.

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In English Kayleigh's class enjoyed our book 'My Friend the Alien' and got to go on an immersive experience at an alien exhibition where they smelt different alien smells, felt a variety of textures, studied alien rocks and looked at the wonderful alien artwork they had created on display. This is one of the many immersive experiences the class have had this year and the communication they provoke is amazing.



Some of our pupils embarked on a residential trip to Plas Dol-y-Moch in North Wales, we were all very proud of them for taking part in the adventurous activities. All pupils showed determination, perseverance and resilience through the activities and self-care tasks they were encouraged to do independently.

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We also held a Year 9 camp at school, which for some pupils was their first experience of staying away from home. Pupils enjoyed an evening of sporting activities and music in the sun, a go down the zip wire, dinner cooked on the open fire and a night in a tent. The pupils took this all in their stride and woke up bright and early after a good night sleep.

In Music this term pupils have been studying rock music and creating rock compositions with an accompanying music video. We have listened to a range of bands including Led Zeppelin, AC/DC and Foo Fighters and these bands have influenced our compositions. We've enjoyed the good weather and practiced our songs outside. Pupils have explored the electric guitar and also studied song arrangements in order to create their own track.



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Pupils have also had many opportunities to attend sporting events both in and out of school. We have had coaches in to train with some classes, wheelchair rugby sessions, table cricket sessions as well as many pupils attending SEND active events. Well done to you all on your sportsmanship and courteous behavior during these sessions. Travis' class particularly enjoyed their time going to Kenilworth Lawn Tennis Club and building their tennis skills over a few weeks. They showed good ability, picked up the rules well and came back to school exhausted from working so hard. This helped them gain some more experience of Physical Exercise which was the focus of their Prince's Trust unit this term.



This term we enjoyed taking part in our History Project in collaboration with President Kennedy school. This is a week when we focus on a historical era or significant event and learn as much as we can about it, this year our focus was on 'Empire to Commonwealth' where we sensitively explored what the British Empire was and how decolonisation occurred leading to the formation of the Commonwealth. We learned that the Commonwealth countries have shared values of democracy, human rights, and rule of law and are all seen as equal and free. We explored which countries are in the Commonwealth and looked at cultural art, dance and music from a selection of them. Of course, we also held our own Commonwealth games!



As well as these events pupils have continued to gain experience on our climbing wall and zip wire, and some have ventured into our Apiary for a lesson on Bee Keeping. Linzi's class went to the Apiary to check on the bees, learn more about them and harvest the honeycomb. Carla's class did a fantastic job at helping in preparation to spin and jar the honey, they followed instructions brilliantly and showed some good skills in this area. They have also worked hard on improving

their outdoor spaces and shown creativity in how this has been done.

What a brilliant year! Best wishes to our Year 9's moving in to Key Stage 4 next year, it has been a challenging three years, but you have taken it all in your stride and continued to make fantastic progress both academically and personally. I know you will continue to thrive throughout your time at Sherbourne.

I wish you all a restful and sunny summer holiday

Linzi Savage

Assistant Head - KS3

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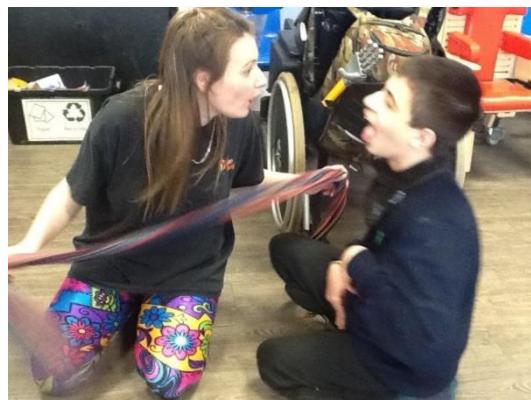
Key Stage 4 News

It has been another amazing year in Key Stage 4 with a myriad of tremendous moments that span the entirety of the academic year. From day one in September, I knew we would be on the start of a great journey. All students in the phase settled seamlessly onto their new environment's teams and timetables. For some of our students the move from familiar environments can be a challenge. We did not only welcome new students into the key stage but we also welcomed new teaching staff and teaching assistants who have enhanced our school in many ways.

The progress that all of the groups within the key



stage has been incredible with many of the youngsters achieving either their targeted learning outcomes or indeed exceeding the expectations set. This is evident when you look at their scrapbooks, exercise books and portfolios to see the high quality of work and evidence produced throughout the year on their individual learning journey through their adapted curriculums. Seeing so many "wow" moments embedded in these is truly a testament to the resilience, effort, and hard work that all the pupils devote to their learning.



There have been of course some standout moments throughout the year. The visits from the Royal opera society for 4AD and 4 KM, in which the students sang to and interacted with professional opera performers. Also, the "Sounds Wild" for these students was an amazing fully immersive experience.



The Duke of Edenborough camps, skills and challenges have also been impressive, as have all of the sporting opportunities that the pupils have competed in and enjoyed. There were also key stage 4 students that participated in this year's Sherbourne coastal challenge in Devon, I know they tested themselves through a range of activities that facilitated risk taking, resilience and also developed teamwork and cohesive collaboration to achieve.

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Key Stage 5 News



Learning however does not stop at what we see as evidence on paper, it also takes many forms in the extra-curricular and enhanced curriculum that we deliver at Sherbourne. Having access to the local community and its history is now a key part of all of the areas of learning, developing the holistic wellbeing of the student is extremely valuable as they mature and progress towards adult life. Having the key skills sets, adaptability and life skills ensures everyone is prepared for their life outside of school within the community, of which they are a valued part.



In recent times there has been a very successful Angling programme ran over six weeks with the support from the British Disabled Angling Association, once again the students seem to have enjoyed this experience. The list of opportunities and experiences that the key stage have had has been due to the hard work and commitment to the students by the staff at Sherbourne, whom I would like to thank on behalf of all of the students.



Well done to everyone, it has been a great year. Good luck to those students moving up into Key stage 5, and welcome to the students moving into the phase from Key Stage 3. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer holiday and have time to relax with your families. Best wishes

Andy Lewis
Key Stage 4 Assistant Head

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This term all of our Post 16 pupils have continued to work hard to add to their coursework portfolios. Some pupils also completed their Maths, English and ICT exams; we are awaiting the final results to come through. We are confident they have put in the hard work and effort to gain the results they deserve; these will be built upon next year.

Pupils have been on many trips and visits including sporting trips, visits in and around local area and a two-night camp as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.



Whilst on trips in the local area, pupils discovered a lack of effective drop kerbs prompting them to write a letter to our local councillor for the Sherbourne ward. She has been in touch several times to inform us that our audit and has resulted in the highways agency putting our local area on their agenda for improvements for the next year. This will have significant benefits to the independence of our pupils, and they are very proud of their achievement.



Students in Year 11 to Year 14 were invited to attend this years Prom which was held at Coventry Rugby Club. It was an absolute pleasure and privilege to attend alongside staff from across the school. All pupils looked absolutely amazing in their smart clothes and beautiful dresses. Both pupils and staff enjoyed a meal together and danced the night away. I was so proud to see the pupils confidently enjoying their evening, dancing, talking to each other and ordering at the bar. It was a fantastic evening and many wonderful memories were made.



There were lots of beautiful photographs taken by our professional photographer too!

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A huge congratulations to Kyle whose dedication to improving his English skills saw him pass his driving theory and practical tests. He has been an inspiration to all pupils driving to school every-day! A huge congratulation to Brodie who won World Class student of the month for June and then also beat pupils from 140 other schools across the country to win World Class Student of the year for achieving his potential and overcoming obstacles!! Such a well-deserved award for a wonderful young man!



As part of their transition from Sherbourne, our leavers all experienced a session at their new education setting in order to become used to the buildings and staff. They asked lots of questions and had lots of information shared with them; those who visited Hereward College enjoyed seeing familiar faces. As part of their future plans lessons they also had the opportunity to take part in mock interviews with employers from Coventry and Warwickshire. These were a huge success and gave pupils invaluable experience into an interview process.



To round off the year and celebrate everyone's achievements we had our annual 6th form BBQ and our KS5 End of Year showcase before we said goodbye to this year's leavers at our leaver's assembly.

This year;

- ❖ 3 pupils are moving onto Hereward College to either undertake the Foundation Pathway or Explorer Pathway.
- ❖ 5 pupils will be undertaking a supported internship which hopefully lead on to full time employment; we have our fingers crossed for you!
- ❖ 2 pupils will be attending the adult education provision at Gosford Hub.
- ❖ 1 pupil will be having a full-time social care package.

I would like to wish those moving on from Sherbourne every success for their future! I hope all other pupils, including those moving up into the 6th Form, have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you in September and all the achievements we know you will continue to make.

**Jodie Lynch
Assistant Head, Key Stage 5**

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Duke of Edinburgh Award

Our students have had an amazing experience this year as part of the DofE course, taking part in a wide range of new skills, brushing up on some old skills and planning and undertaking their expedition. We have been lucky enough to have some professional coaching in both rugby and tennis, which has been an unforgettable experience for our students. We have also had the opportunity to develop many new skills. We have experienced the Wedge Workshop, we have had hair and beauty lessons, we've developed our culinary skills and been able to brush up on our dance moves in dance lessons! We have worked within the community by litter picking in our local area, benefitting both the wildlife and local residents alike. However, the highlight of the year was both the KS4 and KS5 camps. The students had a great time, showing how independent they have become when putting their tents up, sorting their equipment and preparing their meals.

We are very proud of the progress the students have made this year, developing their teamwork skills and overcoming the challenges they faced together. Well done to all the students involved.

Hannah Ogden P.E. Coordinator



Hospitality

What another great term we have had in Hospitality. Some of our year 14s will soon be on their way to pastures new so they have been making the most of their final Hospitality lessons and cooking up some amazing dishes. It has been amazing to watch them grow in confidence over the course and produce some taste sensations. They have improved not only their practical skills but also their knowledge and understanding of customer service, food service and much more. So much so that a number of young people have decided to pursue this interest and are going on to study hospitality when they leave school. Three of our leavers, Ra'ees, Ben and Brodie recently helped out at our Open Event They, along with their classes created some tasty treats during the day and presented them to parents in the evening. Well done everybody!

**Marie Geary,
Work Related Learning Coordinator**



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Creative Arts

In the art room this term we have seen some of our pupils in Key Stage 4 complete their G.C.S.E. course. Whilst others have produced work for their own 'We Create' exhibition at Sense 'TouchBase' Pears in Birmingham, and art tokens have been displayed in the Memorial Park Sensory Garden this month. All our pupils have worked in clay from designs and coloured their work, based upon their investigations into each project title. Some beautiful ceramic modelling and construction has taken place. Learning how to plan, execute and display our work has taken many hours and plenty of effort to achieve some wonderful results that they can all be proud. We have had to develop our ideas carefully, demonstrating our ideas in original and personal ways.



This year has also been very busy in Key Stage 3 with most of our classes exploring themes they developed in different media: textiles, film, clay, printing and drawing & painting. We have looked at and responded to different art practitioners to help us develop our own visual outcomes. So many of our pupils have developed their skills with growing confidence. Mark making in different materials, working sometimes independently and as a group, has been very important as we have found our creative feet.

Paul Connelly Art Teacher



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Creative Arts

Key Stage 5 Photography

Our final year Key Stage 5 Photography students have completed their Level 2 course this term. Their final module has explored documentary photography. After a period of time researching the work of notable documentary photographers and considering a range of documentary themes, they embarked on their own documentary projects. The students used the changing school site as one of their subjects, with the ongoing building work transforming the look of the school site week on week, with lots of opportunities to explore textures, angles and viewpoints. These students have developed their photography skills and knowledge of techniques, settings and equipment to the point where they could be set free each session to go out and take exploratory images. Some students utilised close-ups and macro settings to capture the gritty details of the build whilst others favoured longer, wide angled shots to capture the whole structure as it changed over time. These documentary pieces were presented for feedback and captured a moment in time which it will be interesting to revisit in the future. Well done to all involved.

Sam Kendall
Expressive Arts Coordinator



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Enterprise

Another busy term for students carrying out Enterprise courses and activities across school. Post 16 students have been working hard to complete their portfolios of work in order to obtain accreditation for their participation in enterprise activities. Students in year 14 have successfully completed a Level 1 course in Developing Enterprise Skills, a huge achievement which has seen them take part in a number of different enterprise projects and research activities. Well done to them all.



Students in years 12 and 13 have been exploring enterprise as part of their Asdan course

and have introduced a project where they have been designing and selling collectable badges. The badges have been very successful, well done to Badeen in KS3 who recently won the Sports Day design competition and has had his design made into a badge for sports day 2023. The recent Enterprise Day was a fantastic opportunity for all students across school to get involved in designing, making and selling a range of products. It was great to see the whole school celebrating their achievements at the Enterprise sale. Teamwork at its best, well done to everyone.

Zoe Civellis Enterprise Coordinator

Workshop

This term the pupils have finished their wallpapering and decorating course, they enjoyed using the plumb-bob and especially enjoyed pasting the wallpaper. They have also been planning and preparing items to sell at the summer BBQ. These include wooden door stops, industrialised coat hangers and 2 garden games tables. The students have worked well, listened to instructions and developed their skills using tools such as saws and the sanders and mixing concrete. They have worked together as a team and independently. We unfortunately have to say goodbye to a couple of our team as they leave for pastures new, but we are pleased they will be putting the skills they have learnt over the past three years into good use during their internships.

Paul Doolan – Workshop Teaching Assistant



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The Sherbourne Challenge

This year the decision had been made to change the Sherbourne Challenge slightly, instead of the challenge being based around a walk or hike we decided to add in some water!

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challenge would be created around the coastline and encompass some coasteering, paddle boarding and coastal hikes.

With the superb planning of our very own Ian Brown, an action-packed itinerary was planned and presented to the KS4 and KS5 students. The challenges would not only be very physically demanding but also push the youngsters to overcome physiological barriers.

A beautiful location for the challenge had been scouted and booked, in Ilfracombe in North Devon. With all the students briefed, packed and hoodied up it was time to set off.! Day one was based mostly on the long minibus journey south, with the weather being so nice the only thing we really missed was air conditioning!

We arrived in Ilfracombe to a beautiful sunny and hot welcome. When in Devon it would seem only right to head straight to the beach! Though not the most scenic of vistas the beach in Ilfracombe allowed the students to stretch their legs, skim some stones and of course have a paddle. Soon after we checked into our accommodation, made ourselves familiar with our "roomies" and sat down to a stunning Italian inspired meal prepared by the staff team. (Tomato pasta)

Day two saw us up and out first thing, in fact we were on the beach for 9 o'clock. We had some coasteering

to do! With the help of a local guide, we got into our flattening attire of wetsuit, helmet, and buoyancy aids, and began traversing the coastline. To say the water felt a tad chilly was an understatement as the entrance to the rocky outcrop was a freshwater stream that came straight off the moors, which was a lot colder than the sea itself!

The route finished at the top of a huge rock that sat around 20 metres above the sea, with there being a lack of alternatives it was down to the students and staff to overcome the physiological barrier of the height and have the courage to jump off! The students were all amazing, their confidence was extremely encouraging so after they jumped so did all the staff! It was a very uplifting experience which gave the students a profound sense of achievement and embedded the "can do" attitude. After they had accomplished this nothing was going to stand in their way. Hearing them comment about how proud they were of their individual achievements was so nice.

On day three the coastal walk took us along some spectacular coastal scenery as we travelled from the hostel ion Ilfracombe to the village of Mortehoe. Though the route was quite short in distance being around 10 miles the terrain made it a challenge the constant up and down of the coastal path as it weaved along the sea made it tough. Add to this the heat and we were in for a tough day at the office. The scenery did however make this a lot easier, with the sea mill pool flat and nature on display in its full glory we were back at the minibus by late afternoon. Having seen seals, a variety of birds of prey and also a RAF fly bye, which of course was all strategically planned by Ian. There were some sore feet after day three but once again all the students rose to the challenge set and completed the hike.

Day four saw us back at the beach with the local guide, by this time we would be paddle boarding. The sea was crystal clear and extremely flat which allowed us not only to travel further, but also to see the underwater environment first hand. Some of which came as

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a bit of shock, as the students decided to push staff off the paddle boards! I forgive but I do not forget...BEN! There were many laughs and smiles during this activity as it was clear to see how much the group had bonded and was enjoying each other's company. With a small amount of time in the afternoon we ventured out once more to an exceedingly small, secluded beach called Broad sands, which though it takes some getting down to via the steps, is worth it. As the final day broke it was time to pack up and head home after what had been a superb challenge. We hope that the students can take away lots of important skills from the week, including overcoming both physiological and physical challenges as well as how to work as a team and enjoy nature. A massive thank you to the staff for their time and especially to Ian for his amazing organisation, you are one in a million!

Until next year's challenge!!!!

Andy Lewis

Music

In music this term, children have been focusing on "Under the Sea" as our topic. We have been learning the song, creating and listening to water sounds and making instruments out of sea shells. We have also been feeling the vibrations of sound and music using a sound board, often in the sensory room. Some of the older children have been learning more advanced ukulele techniques, now learning 2 chords and moving fluently between them.

Nick Green
Music Coordinator



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Horticulture

It has been lovely this Summer term to see all our hard work come into bloom. The allotment, and gardens have produced a whole array of vegetable that we have used to make chocolate and beetroot cake and lemon cake with mashed potato!! Classes have used the produce to make products for our enterprise day such as blackcurrant cordial and pickled beetroot. We have enjoyed watching our flowers grow and eventually seeing our wild flower patch come into bloom. This has all provided us with an environment that we can enjoy either physically working in or just enjoy by visiting and sitting in the different planted areas. The children who represented all of us and the work that we have all done at the Tower of London had an amazing experience, and accepted our Superbloom plaque on behalf of us all



Our Sherbourne Honey bees have had a very productive Spring and early summer providing us with a good honey harvest and classes from across school have had the opportunity to both visit the apiary and be involved in the process of extracting, spinning and jarring the honey. This has presented a great learning opportunity. We had planned to have our honey on sale at the Summer BBQ, so it will now be available to buy at the rescheduled date in the new term.



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Employability

This term we had our second group of KS5 students head out to their work experience placements. There were three different placements this term - Crow Recycling, Coventry Foodbank and Evtec Automotive.

At Crow Recycling, Manraj and Alex were responsible for shredding lots of council documents, they had to sort through masses of cans and decide which went where and then pack them accordingly. They were a great help to the existing staff and showed a really mature and hard-working attitude.



At Coventry Foodbank, Robbie and Zoe were kept on their toes all week. They had a number of different jobs to complete. They had help unload new deliveries, pack food parcels according to orders, ensure products were still in date and much more. Zoe really impressed staff with her hard work and staff said that Robbie lit up the room and really raised the spirits of everyone there for the week. What a compliment. Well done you two!



At Evtec Automotive, the five students worked their socks off. They were each stationed at different points of the work track and knew what each of their responsibilities were. Not only were the staff there hugely impressed by them, I was blown away by their efforts when I went to visit them. They all should be very proud of themselves!



Marie Geary, Work related learning coordinator

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Swimming

Greetings from poolside. As always lots of fun has been happening in the pool. The students have shown an amazing progression both in their water confidence and their swimming strokes. Most recently we have been looking at different ways to enter the water, taking part in team games and learning about lifesaving skills. We have used equipment such as throw ropes, rescue poles and have swum in groups on connected pool noodles.

Team building games are always good to see students working collectively, working towards the same goal and using communication skills during their exercise.



Following the successful completion of the sponsored swim, new equipment has been ordered so an order of new safety equipment and engagement items has been placed, some are already here and in use, and others will be ready for the new academic year.

Finally, many thanks to all our support staff for their incredible efforts in the water, and to you for consistently sending in swimming kits throughout the year. Have a great summer.



Mark Lucas Swimming Teacher

<https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>

School Association



We welcome donations to our School Association. The Association is a charity that helps support the young people at Sherbourne Fields to fulfil their potential throughout school. We run fundraising activities throughout the year to support the curriculum, and help provide additional materials for pupils, and also assist with residential costs.

If you would like to donate to the Association, we have a Just Giving page setup, where you are able to donate a sum yourself, or you can use the Fundraise for us button to link your own fundraising pages to us if you are doing a sponsored event.

Thank you to all of our families and members of our community who have supported us so far. Your contributions enable us to do so much more for our amazing young people.

Claire Antrobus Deputy Head & Chair

www.justgiving.com/sherbournefieldsschoolassociation

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Fond Farewells!!

We are saying a sad goodbye to Vee who has been part of the Sherbourne Community for a very very long time and is going to be sorely missed. Thank you Vee for your commitment and hard work over the years. All of us at Sherbourne wish you the best of luck for the future.

We are also saying goodbye and good luck to Kev. Kev has worked at Sherbourne as a TA and has just completed his teacher training and is going off to teach at Riverbank School. Wishing you the best of the luck for the future.

We are also saying a fond farewell to Carly. Carly has been a brilliant member of the office team and is going to be greatly missed. Carly is going of for new adventures for which wish her the best of luck.

Finally, we are wishing Grace H the best of luck as she leaves Sherbourne to take on new adventures in pastures new. We will miss you Grace.



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Next Year's Term Dates



Coventry City Council

School term dates 2023-2024

August 2023

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May 2024

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June 2024

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July 2024

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Summer bank holiday

26 August 2023

Good Friday

29 March 2024

Christmas Day

25 December 2023

Easter Monday

1 April 2024

Boxing Day

26 December 2023

May Day holiday

6 May 2024

New Year bank holiday

1 January 2024

Spring Bank holiday

27 May 2024

Term time

Holiday

Bank holiday

Weekend

LA set training day

Teacher Training Dates
Friday 1st September 2023 Friday 24th May 2024
Monday 4th September 2023 Friday 21st June 2024
Friday 6th October 2023