



Shirley News October 2018



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Dear Parents / Carers

Outstanding Post 16 Results 2018

Post 16 Results Day – Thursday 16 August 2018

This summer I was privileged to see a very large number of extremely happy Sixth Form students open their results slips already knowing they had got their first choice university or higher apprenticeship. The students excelled themselves with A level students achieving 76% A*-C grades (36% of which were A*-B) and 97% of the level three BTEC students achieving Distinction*-Merit (85% of which were Distinction* - Distinction). The pass rate for the year group was 100% pass rate. 2018's results continue to confirm our place as one of the countries leading Sixth Form providers, particularly for Value Added Performance at Key Stage 5; A level results place us in the top 5% for Value Added Performance in the 2018 National Performance tables. Many students are now enjoying their first few weeks at University and have since sent warm messages to the staff at Shirley High School thanking them for their support and help along the way. We wish all our 'old Year 13' the very best for the future and hope to see them at 'Pride of Shirley' alumni events.



The Sixth Form at Shirley High School provides high quality Post 16 education (Sixth Form teachers are experts in their fields) which enables students to reach the best possible standards of achievement in both academic and personal development. The average UCAS score in 2018 was the equivalent of ABB at A level and all students who applied gained a place at their first choice university. With a purpose built Sixth Form block, provision at Post 16 offers an extensive range of A levels (including the Sciences and Humanities) alongside well established BTEC level three diplomas. As a centre for excellence for the Arts, we offer first rate Performing Arts facilities. High expectations, strong teaching, individual support and excellent relationships are key features of our Sixth Form. If you would like to be part of this growing success then come along to the Shirley High Sixth Form Open Evening on **Thursday 1 November 2018 at 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm.**

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

Friday 19 October 2018

School closed Staff Training Day
(no students in school)

Monday 22 October 2018

School Closed for Half Term at 3.00 pm
1 week and 2 days
(returning Wednesday 31 October 2018)

Thursday 1 November 2018

Sixth Form Open Evening 6 pm - 8.30 pm

Monday 5 November 2018

Year 13 1:1 Meetings with Ms Doherty

Thursday 8 November 2018

Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening

Monday 12 - 16 November 2018

Year 12 1:1 Meetings with Ms Doherty

Monday 12 - 23 November 2018

Year 11 PPE Exams Week

Monday 26 November 2018

Year 11 1:1 Meetings with
Mr Hurst

Tuesday 4 December 2018

Post 16 BTEC Parents' Evening 4.00 pm
in C Block

Thursday 20 December 2018

Staff ARR Day (no students in school)

Friday 21 December 2018

School closed for Christmas Holiday
(returning Thursday 3 January 2019)

Ms B Doherty - Vice Principal KS5

"Sixth Form leaders ensure that learners are taught well and make good progress. Learners receive high-quality information and guidance to inform their choices for the next stage of their lives". Ofsted



Parent Governor Vacancy, please see page 3 for information

SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Sixth Form

OPEN EVENING

Results 2018 – A Level 76% A*-C / BTEC Level 3 97% Distinction* - Merit

Top 5% in National Performance Tables for A level Value added

Thursday 1 November 2018

6.00 pm - 8.30 pm



'Striving for Excellence'



For more details please contact:

Sixth Form Telephone: 020 8656 9755

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Parent Governor

There is now a vacancy for 1 Parent Governor at the school. This vacancy is required to be filled by an election and you are invited to stand for election as a Parent Governor.

Parent Governors are elected from the parents / carers of students who are currently registered at the school and serve a four year term of office.

A governor of an academy is also a trustee, as the academy is a registered charity and a director as we are registered as a company with Companies House.

The Governing Body has three core strategic functions:

Decision making and vision setting

Accountability

Driving up school and student performance

As a governor you will be required to attend a termly meeting of the Governing Body and a termly meeting of the Achievement Committee and make occasional visits to the school. You will also need to attend governor training sessions; these are free of charge and mostly take place in the evenings.

We currently have a particular need for governors who have expertise in marketing and legal / HR matters, and would be pleased if parents / carers with this experience stand for election. However, these skills are not exclusive and all eligible parents / carers regardless of skills and experience can stand for election.

If you would like to find out more about school governance, please visit the National Governors Association website: <http://www.nga.org.uk/Home.aspx> or contact our Clerk to Governors, Mrs Maeve Garcia: sbm@shirley.croydon.sch.uk.

There are very few people who cannot be governors. However, there is an eligibility form to be signed and appointment as a governor will be subject to a satisfactory advanced DBS check.

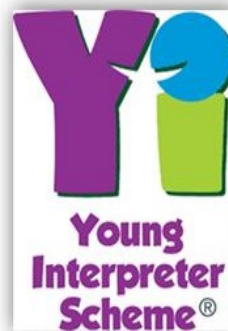
Each person standing for election must prepare a short personal statement stating why they wish to stand for election. These statements will be circulated to parents / carers with the ballot papers. Each person will also need to sign the declaration of eligibility form, as we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The nomination and declaration of eligibility forms are available to download from the school website <http://www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk>. If you wish to nominate someone else, please check they are willing to be a School Governor. The completed forms must be returned to the school either clearly marked to the Clerk to the Governors or by email to: sbm@shirley.croydon.sch.uk.

The closing date for nominations is **Friday 16 November 2018 at 4.00 pm**. If there is more than one nomination a ballot will be held.



Young Interpreters



Our Young Interpreters (Yusuf, Eran, Ivan, Sarah, Ana, Sara, Uthistah, Valentin, Mauriah, Tailor-Rose and Shanjaia) have been trained to support the well being of newly arrived students in our school whose first language is not English. They are also participating in activities to promote the languages that they speak and the value of being able to speak languages other than English.

Some of our Young Interpreters have been delivering taster lessons in their home languages, to their classmates during Diversity Week (Monday 15 – Friday 19 October). Students had the opportunity to learn words and phrases in Portuguese, Turkish, Tamil, Fante, Italian and Somali.



Shirley High School Chess Club



Come and learn how to play! Bring your friend with you. For year 7 only – come at lunch (each Thursday) for a taster session and play against your friend or Mr Kasprzak!!!

When?

Every Wednesday after school 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Where?

In B01 (Mr Kasprzak)

Who is invited?

Year 7 and 8 students



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D12 1.15-1.45 (BRING LUNCH) WITH DR MILNE YEARS 7&8 TUESDAY YEARS 9, 10, 11 THURSDAY

Come and have lots of fun while you learn how your amazing mind works and why it makes you do the things you do, including:

- Experiments and tricks that will blow your mind
- Fun games
- Amazing videos
- Deep discussions
- Memory magic
- Mindful makes



Psychology Club

KS3 Rising Stars after school session running on Wednesday between 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm. (More information and poster to follow).

Senior UK Maths Challenge is taking part on Tuesday 6 November 2018 for Year 11 -13.



MUSLIM UNION

DAILY PRAYER ROOM. J03 (MR GAFAR'S ROOM).

OPEN FOR ZUHR (LUNCHTIME PRAYER).

BETWEEN 13:10 – 13:50.

WEEKLY JUMMAH PRAYER (SERMON AND FRIDAY PRAYER). GIVEN IN ARABIC, AND TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH. 13:30 – 13:50.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND LISTEN. BUT A STRICT NO TALKING POLICY APPLIES WHILST PRAYERS ARE BEING DONE.

ASR PRAYERS (MID-AFTERNOON PRAYERS) WILL BE TAKING PLACE AFTER SCHOOL. IF PUPILS WANT TO PERFORM THE PRAYER BEFORE GOING HOME, THEY ARE WELCOME TO.

Shirley High School KS5 Mathematics Society



Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm Room B15

LITERARY ALLIANCE

**FOR THE
READING
ELITES.**

READ IT

LOVE IT

#DISCUSS IT



WHEN

Last Tuesday each month

WHERE

D06



'Time well Spent'

'A powerful story of love, war and friendship'



And Air Cadets

It has been a busy year so far. Thank you to Shirley High staff for allowing me to take the time to participate in the various and wonderful Cadet activities. In April I took part in the Sun n Fun US Aviation Camp in sunny Florida. Here a number of Air Cadets flew out to help out at the Lakeland Air show. We learnt aircraft marshalling, crowd control, selling tickets and general customer service activities meeting and greeting the public. All in addition to the usual visits to Disney, Universal, the Everglades and Air Force bases. Being the 100th year of the RAF a contingency of our cadets (including my older brother) flew also to Washington DC. They represented us showing all the great activities of what we do. Including a visit to Air Force One, Smithsonian Air and Space Museum on the National Mall. There were many early rises and hard work, but it was worth it.

Next stop was the RAF 100 celebrations at St Omer France, on 20 September 2018. As part of the Kent Wing Air Cadet band, I was fortunate to take part in this prestigious ceremony commemorating St Omer's links with the RAF. We paid tribute to the men and women who took part in World War I and World War II and fought for our freedom.

On 2 October 2018, I was also fortunate to take part in the Lord Mayors competition. This is where the Army Cadets, Sea Cadets, Police Cadets and Air Cadets compete to see who has the best band. For the second year in a row, the Air Cadets won! This enabled us to perform at the dinner of the new and next Lord Mayor of London.



My journey so far: Having won the Wing Solo drumming competition at the Kent Wing Air Cadets Field day. I was then entered to represent the Wing at the Regional Competition on Saturday 6 October 2018. I am pleased to say this was successful for me and I am the 2018 Solo Drummer Champion for the London and South East Region. The next step is the National Competition. Watch this space and fingers crossed! It is fun being an Air Cadet.

Emilio Cross-Songui 13H

Now I'm 2

Come along to 'Now I'm 2' every Monday from 9.30 am—11.15 am (Term Time Only)

This session is a structured Stay n Play which will offer support & guidance to help your child get ready for nursery.

We offer advice on the following:

- Toilet training
- Introducing new foods
- Behaviour
- Sleep routines & much more

All the activities are focused and are suitable for families to enjoy.

No need to book, just drop in.

Messy Play for under 1's (Term time only)

Every Monday 1.00 pm—2.30 pm

Does your child love getting their hands dirty while exploring the world around them?...

We've got it covered! Messy play helps children develop in their own ways including being able to express their feelings and experimenting with a variety of textures.

**Please bring with you a spare change of clothes
for your children.**

Little Tenderfeet - Transition

Is your child starting Pre-school or nursery? This can be a difficult time for both parents and children full of new opportunities and many challenges.

This new 4 week course will focus on promoting independence, looking at routines and offering tips and advice including a special visit from the DENTAL NURSE WHERE YOU CAN COLLECT YOUR FREE TOOTHBRUSH AND TOOTH-PASTE.

PLEASE BOOK ONTO THIS FREE COURSE – SPACES LIMITED

Thursday 22 November 2018 – Thursday 13 December 2018 1.30 pm-2.30 pm



Shirley High School Performing Arts Company 2018 presents...

Macbeth: Reimagined

Auditions for our school production 'Macbeth: Reimagined' took place on Monday 17 September 2018 and we were blown away by the talent in front of us. The show is now cast and rehearsals have started!



Congratulations to all students involved, particularly Auset Osbourne 10L and Skiye Edmonds 10Y - our Macbeth's!

It is set to be a great show with lots of students involved in the production side of things too - creating and making set, props, costumes and operating lighting and sound.

The show dates are 12,13 and 14 December 2018 - keep an eye on the website for details about purchasing tickets, nearer the time. We would love as much support across those three nights as possible!

The PA Department Staff, Production Cast and Crew

Sixth Form Induction Day

The Sixth Form welcomed the new Year 12 students on Wednesday 5 September 2018. The weather was kind and we were able to make full use of the field and the surrounding area for our activities.

Tutors met with their tutees for the first time and completed a series of ice-breaker activities. The tutor groups then competed against each other in a series of challenges designed to support team-building and making positive memories.

The groups completed an orienteering challenge, competed against each other in Danish Long Ball, tried a series of fiendish team building challenges against the clock and cooked.

Students needed to produce the best pasta, most decorated fruit salad and best designed green salad.

All these dishes were consumed later by staff and students. The overall winners were 12S led by Miss Stuart (2nd in English), deposing Mr Duncan (Head of Art) from top spot!

Mrs L Harris - Head of Sixth Form



**NETBALL RESIDENTIAL TRIP 2018
Condover Hall – Shropshire**

On arrival, we were shown around the site and looked at the activities on offer for the weekend. After we had eaten, we enjoyed a game of laser tag. We then walked around and came together as a group to sing and dance to our own music.

The next day was an early start for breakfast. There was a great deal of food on offer at the buffet. We all participated in climbing a tree in a harness! In the beginning it was scary especially looking down, but as soon as our nerves settled, it was thoroughly challenging and enjoyable and gave us a boost of adrenaline. Later on that day we commenced with our netball games. The games were of a very high standard and proved tough, especially in the cold weather, but we all pushed through and performed well as a team.

Following dinner, we enjoyed a disco for all the Netball girls, this was an excellent way for us to meet new people from other schools and have fun after a long day. We spent hours dancing and singing to our favourite songs and brought life and laughter to the disco.

Our last day involved many activities including the trapeze, abseiling, rock-climbing and many others. These activities required strength and teamwork, which was great as we needed these in our matches.

On our final day, we played the remaining matches before heading off for a long 6 hour drive home.

Overall, the weekend allowed our team to gel more and we all had so much fun making some amazing memories along the way.

Ivanna Akomeah 11Y



**Information for Parents / Carers Sixth Form Open Evening Tuesday 1 November 2018 from 6.00 pm—8.30 pm
Registration - 9.00 am Wednesday 2 November 2018**

As you may be aware the Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday 1 November 2018 from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. Due to the late finish for staff and students on this evening, and to allow time for the site to be prepared for the school day, we will have a later start than normal the following day and registration will therefore start at 9.00 am on Wednesday 2 November 2018.

N M Barrow - Principal

Different
Individuals
Valuing
Each other
Regardless of
Skin
Intellect
Talents or
Years.

What does
Diversity
mean to you?



We are celebrating Diversity Week: Week beginning
15 October 2018

Look out for
the
interesting
lunch time
menu!!

**COMPETITION
DETAILS**

Design a creative
response to the question
“What is Diversity?”

You may work on your
own or in a group.

The competition is open
to students from Year
7 and 8.

You could win a prize
and a commendation for
your work!

It could be a:-

- Poem
- Story
- Play
- Picture
- Poster
- Photograph
- Or something else...

Be as creative as you like!!

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information
visit the History Department.

COMPETITION DEADLINE

After Half Term

ENTRIES to: Your History teacher

Language Diversity at Shirley
High School



56 languages are spoken at our school.

