



Shirley News

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Dear Parent / Carer

Yet another successful term for the Sixth Form. The National League tables for Post 16 were released by the Department for Education in early March 2018 and Shirley High Sixth Form were shown to be in the top 5% for A level Value Added Performance. This is wonderful news that continues to verify and exceed what OFSTED said about Post 16 education at Shirley High School "Leaders ensure that learners (at Post 16) are taught well and make good progress".

All this has made securing places in our Sixth Form more challenging. I encourage Year 11 to work hard for their exams so that they secure the grades they need to enter the Sixth Form in September. 'Step Into Sixth Form' our Taster Day for all Year 11 students offered a place at Post 16 is on **Wednesday 27 June 2018**.

Ms B Doherty - Vice Principal

School or college name	Type of school or college	Number of students with an A level exam entry	Progress score & description	Average result		Students completing their main study programme	Achieving AAB or higher in at least 2 facilitating subjects	Grade and points for a student's best 3 A levels
				Grade	Point score			
Shirley High School Performing Arts College	Academy	39	Well above average 0.36	C+	31.96	100.0% (33 students enrolled)	0.0% (31 students)	C 30.75 (31 students)

Special Dates of Interest:

Friday 28 May 2018

School closes at 3.00 pm for half term (one week)

Monday 4 June 2018

School opens after half term

Thursday 7 June 2018

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Monday 11 June 2018

Year 10 1:1 Meetings with Mr Hurst and Year 9 1:1 Meetings with Miss Fair

Monday 18 June 2018

Year 10 Exams

Wednesday 4 July 2018

Year 12 UCAS Information Evening at 6.00 pm

Friday 20 July 2018

Year 7-10 & 12 Grade and Written reports available on Sims Parent App

Friday 20 July 2018

School closes for Summer break



I would like to wish "good luck" to all our older students who are in the process of taking their external examinations - don't forget to work hard during the holiday! I also look forward to meeting our new Year 6 students and Parents / Carers at the Taster Day on Friday 6 July 2018.

N M Barrow - Principal

Sixth Form Induction Day

Our Sixth Form Induction Day 'Step into Sixth Form' will be on Wednesday 27 June 2018

Enrolment will be on GCSE Results Day Thursday 23 August and Tuesday 28 August 2018



Year 12 UCAS Exhibition

All Year 12 students attended the UCAS Exhibition which was held at the Excel Centre in London. The exhibition is held annually and helps students explore a wide range of academic and career opportunities, and discover a future that is right for them. They are able to explore a range of universities and speak with present students about which course is more suitable. Students were able to gain insight into what University life consists of and what they need to achieve in their A Level and BTECs to gain entry onto their chosen courses. The day was very successful and provided motivation and encouragement for all our students.

Sports Relief Dodgeball Competition

In aid of Sports Relief, both Year 12 and 13 students wore red and competed in a Dodgeball competition. Before the event, students were sent the information regarding the rules and to prepare a team. On the day, students wore red and cheered on from the side-lines. In the first stage of the knockout competition, 12H got knocked out by 12S. 12L then followed by being defeated by 12I. 13R beat both forms putting them straight into the final. The semi-final between 12S and 12I was very tense as at the end of time it was a draw. An extra minute saw 12S going into the final against 13R! Both teams played extremely well but 13R took the lead and won! Well done to all students who played and supported the charity.

Special thanks to Servet Yilmaz 12R and Nakib Hussain 12R who helped organised the event.

Miss K Wallace - Girls' PE - Deputy Head of Sixth Form



Congratulations to this Sophie Keel 8I and Ivan Slavov 7R our Jack Petchey winners voted by their peer group for doing good deeds around the school.

They each receive £250 to spend as they wish on the school. Well done and keep up the good work!

N M Barrow - Principal & Ms Doherty - Vice Principal



Sarah Jones MP spoke in Parliament recently about the role of basketball and other grassroots sports in reducing youth violence and knife crime.

The Reaching Higher Leadership programme has been based here at Shirley High School since April 2018. The programme has been developed to exercise and enhance leadership skills within young people. Sessions include master classes and practical workshops surrounding various topics such as Financial Literacy, Public Speaking, Presentations, Social Action, Pathway Development and Community Engagement.

The programme is carried out by the Reaching Higher team and for all students involved will have exclusive opportunities to attend corporate London based organisations where they can enhance their CV's received tailored guidance and secure possible work experience.

K Powders - Head of PE



Parents / Carers

To reduce our carbon footprint, the school is now sending most correspondence via email. Please supply an up to date email address to ensure that you do not miss out on vital information regarding your child to office@shirley.croydon.sch.uk

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS / CARERS SAFEGUARDING

Would all parents / carers please sign in at Reception if entering the school building for any reason, at any time of day, even before or after school. This is for security and safety reasons.

Also a reminder, please, do **NOT** drop students off by car **inside** the school grounds or **outside** the school at the gates as this causes congestion and is also a hazard to students and other road users.

Due to congestion, please do not use the staff car park.

Thank you for your help with these issues. N M Barrow - Principal

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Drama Trip - 'Our Country's Good'

On Wednesday 25 April 2018, Year 12 and 13 A level Drama classes went to see a performance of the play 'Our Country's Good'. This was performed by the theatre company 'Ramps on the Moon'. The trip was arranged by our Drama teacher Ms Doherty as it was important for us to see this production. 'Our Country's Good' is a set play for our course and one that we focus on for our written exams at the end of Year 13. To see the play gives us an advantage for our exam paper as we will have a clear memory of this production and how it is performed.

The production was an inclusive performance, which meant able-bodied and disabled actors performed together. This often meant that some actors who could not speak, had another actor speak their lines for them. There were other actors who would use sign language for audience members who were deaf/hard of hearing. There was also two small screens which showed captions for people to read. This was really interesting as it would give people who could not usually go to the theatre a chance to see a really strong play. It also brought together a wider, diverse cast of actors and even though some may have had difficulties, they still all came together and created a fantastic piece of theatre.

We had a fun night out as a group, enjoying the company of everyone together. We played the card game 'Uno' on the train journey to the theatre and it was moments like this that brought us together as a group. After the show, we all spoke about the play and enjoyed discussing other students thoughts.

Altogether this was a great group experience, we had a lot of fun. This important night helped us with our future exams giving us an advantage which will definitely help us to perform better in the future.

Konnell Forbes - Year 12 A level Drama



The Year 13 A level Drama students completed their final practical exam (30% of their course) in April. The play performed was Steven Berkoff's Physical Theatre version of Franz Kafka's expressionistic novel 'Metamorphosis'. It required the audience to follow the actors in promenade and to be immersed in the show. The intensity of the performance and the commitment of the actors was first rate.

Well done to Georgia, Leanne, Karolina, Ronnie and Rosie ('Indispositions' Theatre Company).

We are so proud of you.

Ms B Doherty - Vice Principal



STAGECOACH SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOP!

Monday 30 July 2018 -
Friday 3 August 2018, 9.30
am-3.30 pm

Stagecoach Shirley's holiday club workshops are a fantastic way to make new friends and learn new skills during the summer holidays and they are held here at Shirley High School.



Students spend the week acting, singing and dancing with trained DBS registered teachers as they work towards putting on a show.

Our Senior theatre workshops are for children and teenagers aged 6-18 years, where the students are divided into age appropriate groups to work on scenes, songs and dances, and at the end of the week there is a free performance for family and friends with costumes and lights! £150 for the week, siblings £120.

Open to non-Stagecoach students. Spaces are strictly limited so book today - www.stagecoach.co.uk/shirley or call Kim on 020 8949 1116

On Friday 27 April 2018, representing Shirley High School, I competed in the **INTER-BOROUGH SCHOOLS DISABILITY SWIMMING GALA 2018**. With an audience of close to a hundred, I came first in 3 races - Front Crawl, Backstroke and Breaststroke collecting 3 medals!



On Sunday 29 April 2018, I came 6th out of 27 divers in The Kent County Skills Diving Championship at Crystal Palace and qualified for the National Skills Championships being held in Manchester on the 21 & 22 July 2018.

Sophie Bennett 7S

We are so proud of "Sophie the Star!"

C Paulding & S Jagdeo - Teachers of the Deaf / HRC

As part of our Careers programme here at Shirley High School we invited volunteers from the world of business to take part in a Mock Interview Day.

Unfortunately our first date had to be cancelled as the school was closed due to the snow.

We were very fortunate that they agreed to re-schedule the date and twenty men and women arrived on 24 April 2018 to take part. The whole of Year 11 were suitably attired and prepped having already written a CV and covering letter which the volunteers received before the day so they could make comments and helpful suggestions on how the students could improve.

We were fortunate to get such enthusiastic professionals who were willing to take time away from their pressurised jobs at the Department of Transport to pass on their skills to our Year 11 students.



The feedback from both the visitors and the students has been very positive, certainly a worthwhile experience for all concerned.

Some feedback received from the Interviewers:

"I was impressed just by much effort they had all made both in their written application and also on the day itself through their presentation. All conducted themselves in a professional manner despite the fact for some the whole experience would have been quite daunting."

"I thought these interviews were a rare treat. I hope the pupils enjoyed them as much as I did. I really liked the post interview feedback sessions where we could speak candidly and give some hopefully useful and hard edged advice that I hope will be taken away."

And the students:

"It made me realise what I need to work on to prepare for future job interviews"

"It allows me to build up my confidence and improve my communication skills"

Mrs C Kelly - Administrator/WRL Supervisor

WORK EXPERIENCE YEAR 10

As part of our Careers programme all Year 10 students are expected to have placements confirmed for Work Experience from 2 July 2018 for two weeks. This is a very important part of their education

Young people are more likely to be successful in their careers search if they have completed some good work experience. It is a perfect way to sample all the career options out there. It is a way of exploring different jobs without actually committing to anything. Doing work experience shows passion and interest. Evidence that you have done work experience shows an employer or university or college that you are motivated to get into a chosen career and that you have done your homework. It gently introduces you to the world of work. It will help you identify your own skills and perhaps even highlight the areas that you might want to work on. Work experience is not always possible in the area you are interested in, but it may provide evidence of using the necessary skills e.g. Teamwork, Communication Skills and Leadership Skills.

Mrs Kelly - Administrator/WRL Supervisor



The Senior Mathematical Challenge (SMC) is run by the UK Mathematics Trust. The SMC encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. It is aimed at those in full-time education and with sufficient mathematical competence to undertake a post-16 course. The problems on the SMC are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience; they are also meant to be memorable and enjoyable.

Mathematics controls more aspects of the modern world than most people realise - from iPods, cash machines, telecommunications and airline booking systems to production processes in engineering, efficient distribution and stock-holding, investment strategies and 'whispering' jet engines. The scientific and industrial revolutions flowed from the realisation that mathematics was both the language of nature, and also a way of analysing - and hence controlling - our environment. In the last fifty years, old and new applications of mathematical ideas have transformed the way we live.

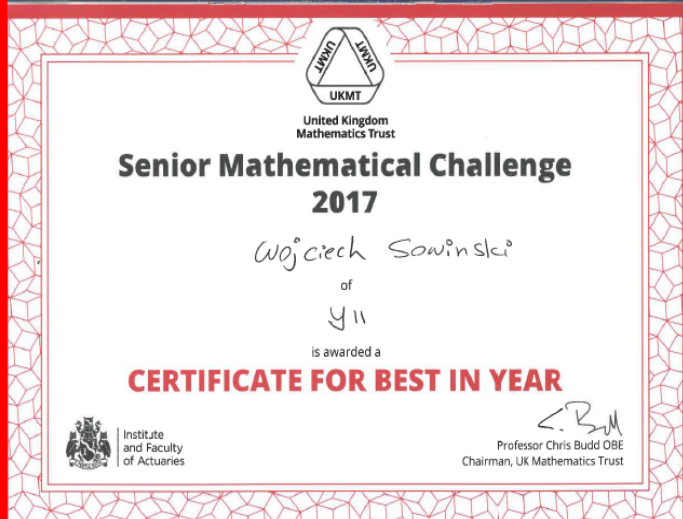
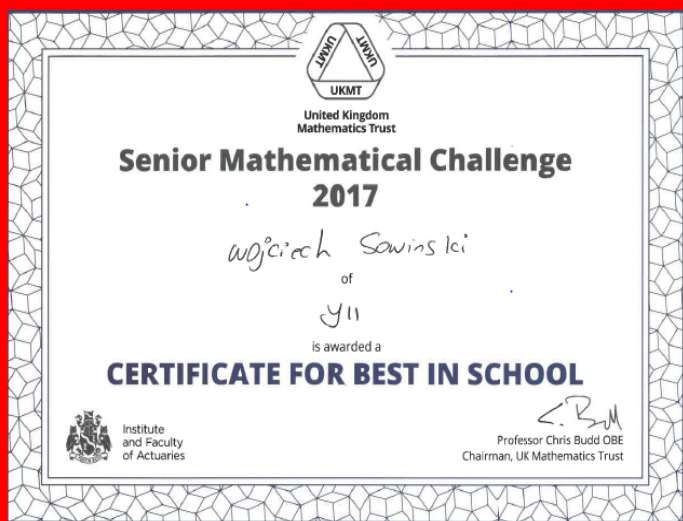
All these developments depend on mathematical thinking - a mode of thought whose essential style is far more permanent than the wave of technological change which it has made possible. The problems on the SMC reflect this style, which pervades all mathematics, by encouraging students to think clearly about challenging problems.

The SMC was established as the National Mathematics Contest in 1961. In recent years there have been over 110,000 entries from around 2,200 schools and colleges. Certificates are awarded to the highest scoring 60% of candidates (Gold:Silver:Bronze, 1:2:3).

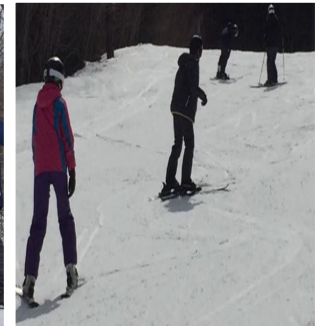
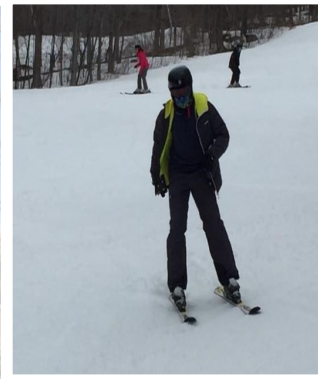
The UK Mathematics Trust is a registered educational charity, founded in 1996, with a small professional core of administrators, but with much of the work done by several hundred volunteers, mostly school teachers, university students and academics.

If you are interested in using your mathematical skills to volunteer with us, complete the form on our website at www.ukmt.org.uk/about-us/getting-involved/

Donations to support our work would be gratefully received. If you wish to donate, please visit www.ukmt.org.uk/about-us/



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Parenting Course

Culturally sensitive Parenting Programme available to all parents & carers

If you would like help and support to make being a parent a little easier why not attend this 13 week Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities parenting programme

- Meet other parents and carers and share experiences of bringing up children.
- Learn new skills for communicating effectively with your children.
- Discuss and practice positive discipline and setting boundaries.
- Discuss positive ways to reduce conflict & challenge unacceptable behaviour.
- Workshop on tackling knife crime.



Registration Deadline 15th May 2018, 10am - 1pm

VENUE:

Queens Estate, Queens Hall, 1 Turner Crescent, Croydon, CR0 2NP

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