



Shirley News October 2017



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Dear Parents / Carers Outstanding Post 16 Results 2017

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 83% A*-C grades (45% of which were A*-B) and 98% of the level three BTEC students achieving Distinction*-Merit (84% of which were Distinction* - Distinction). The pass rate for the year group was 100% pass rate. 2017'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 were in the top 10% and BTEC results in the top 1%.

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.

A FABULOUS YEAR

Outstanding POST 16 results A level
83% A*-C; 98% A*-D; 99.5% Pass Rate
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas
49% Distinction* , 84% Distinction* - Distinction
98% Distinction* - Merit, 100% Pass Rate

Ms Doherty - Vice Principal KS5



SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

Friday 20 October 2017

School Closes for Half Term at 3.00 pm
1 week and 1 day
(returning Tuesday 31 October 2017)

Thursday 2 November 2017

Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening

Monday 6 November 2017

Year 13 1:1 Meetings with Ms Doherty

Monday 6 - 10 November 2017

Sixth Form Mentor Training

Tuesday 7 November 2017

Sixth Form Open Evening 6.00 pm

Wednesday 8 November 2017

(Whole School)

Monday 13 - 17 November 2017

Year 12 1:1 Meetings with Ms Doherty

Monday 13 - 24 November 2017

Year 11 Mock Exams Week

Monday 27 November 2017

Year 11 1:1 Meetings with

Mr Hurst

Monday 4 December 2017

Year 12 & 13

BTEC level 3 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 19 December 2017

School closes for Christmas Holiday

Shirley High School Sixth Form



Open Evening
Tuesday 7 November 2017
6.00 pm-8.00 pm

X Factor 2017 - Rai-Elle Williams - Shirley High School 2012 - 2017


We are so proud of our home grown talent Rai-Elle Williams who impressed the X Factor judges and is now through to Judges Houses with Sharon Osbourne. Rai-Elle Williams, sang a stunning rendition of 'Sail' by Awolnation for Simon Cowell, Louis Walsh, Sharon Osbourne and Nicole Scherzinger on the ITV talent show. Rai-Elle surprised the judges with the attitude of her performance and she got four Yes votes to send her to Boot Camp and then she successfully made it through to the Six Chair Challenge. She even impressed host Dermot O'Leary who called her performance "fantastic".

In an interview, Rai-Elle said "I love spending time with my family. Singing is my life, this is what I want to do. I first started singing when I was about five years old. When I sit at my desk at school, all I am thinking about is singing".

We wish Rai-Elle all the best for her singing career and look forward to welcoming her back to Shirley in the future.

N M Barrow - Principal



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Sixth Form Open Evening

Results 2017 - A Level 83% A*-C / BTEC Level 3 98% Distinction* - Merit

Tuesday 7th
November at 6-8pm



'Striving for Excellence'



For more details please contact:

Sixth Form Telephone: 020 8656 9755

www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk



SHIRLEY HIGH SIXTH FORM INDUCTION DAY

Shirley High Sixth Form Induction Day provided the new Year 12 students the chance to get to know each other in a fun way. The day began with a welcome assembly which provided information about the day. After this, each student was assigned to their form which they would later participate in activities with.

Each form was split into smaller groups, who had several physical and mental activities to complete. These activities encouraged students to communicate and work as a team to successfully complete each challenge.

The form tutors also joined in the activities and supported their form group which helped build a good relationship between them and their form. Overall, the day was very successful as it broke the ice, which helped many students especially those who were external, such as myself, to settle in to the first official day of school.

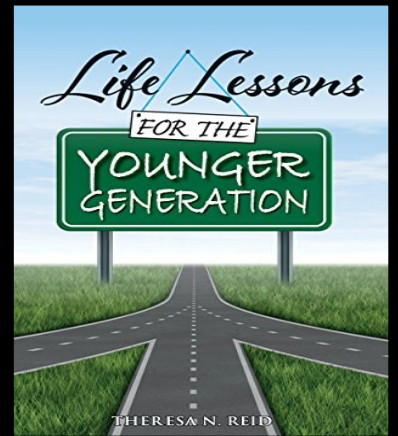
Shanaz Peterkin 12S



Congratulations to Mrs Reid (Head of Year 7) on her publication Life Lessons for the Younger Generation now available to buy on Amazon.

<https://goo.gl/ueGTv9>

N M Barrow - Principal



Speed Dating

Joining any Sixth Form can be daunting as you have to meet new people and build relationships. However, due to so many new students joining the school and so many old students staying on, it created a very large Sixth Form. This made it hard for everyone to introduce themselves and make new friends at the start of the year. With this in mind, the Sixth Form teachers created a game for both Year 12 and 13 to join together and take part in 'Speed Dating'.

No we did not actually go on dates to see who we are most compatible with! However, we had to go and meet our fellow students and for 60 seconds we had to sit and speak to someone we have never met before whilst asking each other questions.

Any questions could be asked some could be about school or some could be about them. After the 60 seconds were over, we would then have to move onto the next person then so and so on.

This was a great game to start off Year 12 as it was a fun way to meet new people and easy to make new friends and unite as a Sixth Form.

Katy Ellis 12H



Meet the Tutors Evening

Meet the tutors evening is an annual event for all our Year 12 students, parents and carers to attend so they can meet their son / daughters form tutor.

It is an opportunity for parents / carers to ask questions and to familiarise themselves with Sixth Form procedures. Most importantly it enables parents / carers and their tutors to build relationships and to provide support for the students.

The feedback from the evening was very good as parents / carers found it helpful and informative. Thank you to all the tutors and the Year 13 students who helped on the evening.



Meet the Tutors

12S - Miss Hewlett

12H - Mr Harley

12I - Miss Skeete

12R - Mr Percival

Miss K Wallace - Head of Year 12

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Shirley High School

Biggin Hill Romania Group



About The Group

The committee was established in 1990 by a gathering of volunteers in response to a television appeal reporting the deprivation experienced by children and their families in Romania.

Who The Group Helps

The underlying dispatch was to work with nearby authorities to convey genuinely necessary supplies to orphanages, children's homes, schools and churches.

Extra Help

This enlarged into giving extra support to socially disadvantaged as well as disabled children and their families at home.

How The Group Helps

Volunteers collect 'shoe boxes' from neighbourhood schools and churches at Christmas, containing items, such as, gloves and hats, fundamental toiletries, and little presents to lighten up Romanian children's lives. Family boxes with basic needs and toiletries are likewise liberally donated and collected by volunteers. These are altogether transported to Comanesti by truck and distributed to the children by the BHRG volunteers who make deliveries to schools, institutions, and straightforwardly to needy families.

Going The Extra Mile

In the summer BHRG volunteers help to run activities for the children at the Centres which include games and workshops.

When required, volunteers also carry out local projects, such as refurbishment of the Centres, supporting specific short-term needs and responding to crisis situations within individual families.

How You Can Help!

All money raised goes specifically to help children and their families in Romania. The general population who work for the BHRG get no fees and volunteers support their own flights and living costs when working in Comanesti.

At the point when money is donated every last bit of it goes to the needy in the area. Money is urgently required to support the running of the focuses, and activities of the BHRG. It is additionally used to give numerous sorts of emergency support to deprived families undergoing emergencies.



Turn Over For More Information





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FILL THEM WITH



Our Introduction To The Group

We found out about the Biggin Hill Romania group through Caroline Budmir.

Caroline introduced us to the group via an assembly, where she told us all about the committee and what their intentions were in helping the children of Comanesti.

She also explained how we would be able to help the people of Comanesti through the shoebox appeal.

She also explained to us the sort of items that would be helpful in aiding the children and how this would benefit the children and make them happy.

Our main motivation was imagining the children with massive smiles on their faces and having a good time through the tough times they may be going through.

Shirley High School Contribution

As a school we contributed by creating our own group by picking people from each form group in order to help out the committee within the school.

We first started by splitting parts of the group and allocating forms to each Year 7 Group in which we had to present and explain the what the group was about and what we wanted from each group in order provide our contribution towards the committee .

Our main contribution came through the idea of the shoebox appeal, we asked each year 7 form group to come together and create their own shoeboxes containing all the things they thought would be useful and provide happiness for these children roughly the same age as them. Through year 7 themselves we received a great response from every form whom all donated multiple shoe boxes per form.

Overall we had a great response from our school as a whole, receiving help from many students who were willing to donate anything in order to create smiles on the faces of children less fortunate than ourselves.

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YEARS

StChristopher's
More than just a hospice

Moonlight Walk

Croydon

Help support our bereavement
services in Croydon



Saturday 21 October 2017 at 8pm
www.stchristophers.org.uk/moonlightwalk
to register or call **020 8768 4575**

St Christopher's is a registered charity (25467)

On the evening of Friday 13 October 2017, the Year 12 A level Drama students journeyed up to Highgate in North London to see a group of Korean Physical Theatre Specialists present 'Factory Girls'.



This play tells the story of a young girl called Oksun who is manipulated and slowly destroyed by her male bosses in a Factory in Korea.

The sombre tale was told through stylised movement, dance, abstract imagery and choral sound and gestures. The skills of the performers were outstanding and gave the A level students a master class in how to execute physical theatre with passion and intensity. The students met the actors in the foyer at the end to congratulate them.

A big thank you to the Year 12 for being such good ambassadors for the school!

Ms B Doherty - Vice Principal

During a trip to Croydon Fire Station, we participated in a question and answer session where we were invited to ask any questions regarding the Fire Service and what life is like being a Firefighter.



We were shown the various types of fire engines used for different incidents. Whilst we were there, we tried on the equipment such as the breathing apparatus.

During our visit, one of the teams received a call out to an incident so we were able to witness how fast they responded and were ready to leave within minutes of the alarm. Overall the trip was a very interesting experience as we gained an insight into a fire station and the methods they use to keep us safe.

Michael Sanders – Year 13 BTEC UPS

The following students have been recognised for their outstanding work in particular subjects. Their names have been entered in the School's Book of Excellence.....

Georgia Waley 13R

Eren Ozturk 11S

Ella-Pearl Powlesland 11Y

Abigail Turner 7I

Hannah Shah 7H

Laura Labno 7H

For Speaking at the School's Open Evening

Emmanuella Offeh 8H

Hailie Clark 10S

Mason Penny 10R

For an Act of Kindness

Well done to all the above mentioned students

N M Barrow - Principal

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Georgia Waley 13R

VICE CAPTAINS

Patricia Male 13R

Euan Cleland-Orgle 13R

Batuhan Potukglu 13H

Sebastian Richmond 13S

PREFECTS

Emma Ward 13H

Rosie Willis 13R

Mutlu Akgun 13R

Zeeshan Ali 13R

Hooria Batool 13S

Tae Bennett 13H

Anchita Biju 13S

Leanne Brown 13R

Micahalo Bryan-Smith 13H

Sabrina Carolan 13S

Rachel Danton 13H

Ellie D'Sylva 13H

Rachael Fillon-Payoux 13R

Mia Fisher 13H

Olivia Galley 13S

Faith Gomez 13R

Rebekka Inwood 13S

Kirsty McIntyre 13H

Joel Richardson 13S

Nur Sharif 13S

Mishil Sudra 13H

Tia Weeks 13H

Mrs L Harris - Head of Sixth Form



Shirley Children's Centre support parents and carers with young children so they enjoy raising their little ones. We are a one-stop shop for health and family matters, play and learning opportunities, training and job opportunities, or just drop by for coffee and a chat. For more information, please visit our Facebook page 'Shirley Children's Centre'

FREE Workshop - Spanish for families, parents & children - Tuesday 24 October 2017 10.00 am - 11.30 am, please contact the centre on 0208 777 2119.

For more information, please visit www.shirleychildrenscentre.org.uk



Information for Parents / Carers Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 7 November 2017 from 6.00 pm—8.00 pm 9.00 am Registration - Wednesday 8 November 2017

As you may be aware the Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Tuesday 7 November 2017 from 6.00 pm to 8.00 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 8 November 2017.

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**:
w/b 9 October 2017

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

Friday 20 October 2017

ENTRIES to: Your History teacher

Language Diversity at Shirley
High School



56 languages are spoken at our school.

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|-----------|---------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Akan | Dutch | German | Krio | Punjabi | Swahili | Tigrinia |
| Albanian | English | Greek | Kurdish | Portuguese | Somali | Twi |
| Arabic | Ewe | Gujarati | Latvian | Papiamentu | Sindhi | Teluga |
| Bengali | Farsi | Hungarian | Lingala | Pashto | Spanish | Urdu |
| Bulgarian | French | Hindi | Luganda | Polish | Slovakian | Uzbek |
| Croatian | Fulla | Italian | Lithuanian | Romanian | Serbian | Vietnamese |
| Cantonese | Gaelic | Igbo | Malayalam | Russian | Tamil | Wolof |
| Dari | Ga | Japanese | Mandarin | Shona | Turkish | Yoruba |