

Sheldon Standard

Africa - A Lifetime of Memories ...



On 13th July 2017 twenty-eight year 13 students, four teachers and two expedition leaders set off for a 26 day journey of a lifetime. Africa here we come.....Zambia and Botswana specifically. After acclimatising we set off as two teams completing the same itinerary but in different sequences of events. Our project work lasted 5 days and consisted of the building of a community playground, complete with swings, sand pits, see-saw, balance beams and a rope ladder. It was hard work heaving the sand, digging holes and carrying the huge beams but the team did it and the village children now can play endlessly.

Our trek over a four day period took us along the route of the Zambezi, down through the valley and along the ridge. Our guides from Zambezi Birding

taught us so much about the flora and fauna and life in Zambia, we saw some amazing wildlife including snakes, eagles and scorpions to name but a few. Heading into Botswana we were lucky enough to experience a River Cruise and Game Drive through Chobe National Park. We were surrounded by elephant, hippo, zebra, crocodile, buffalo and so many different types of birds. It was a truly amazing place. We travelled through the Okavango Delta in a traditional dug-out canoe and even had a go at poling it ourselves. We visited the Makgadikgadi salt pan at sun set and had a very close encounter with a wild colony of meerkats. Our final couple of days were spent at an elephant orphanage and visiting Victoria Falls, a truly stunning place. The whole trip was a totally unique experience camping in the bush, star gazing, sharing stories with locals, developing skills and independence and building friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you team for a wonderful summer and to Mrs Rhind, Mr Bowen and Mrs Teague for accompanying me.

Miss C Tryner

Easy Fund Raising

We are delighted to say that since opening our Easyfundraising account last June we have raised £410 towards the Sheldon Enrichment Fund. This is a great start which we hope to build on as more parents become aware of the system.

There are nearly 3,000 retailers who are ready to make a donation to the Enrichment Fund when you shop, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

All you have to do is:

1 Join

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sheldonschoolenrich/> and sign up for free. Or you can access the page via the Sheldon webpage: <http://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Easy+Fundraising+Scheme&pid=241>

2 Shop

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping. Alternatively, install the easyfundraising donation reminder so that when you visit a retailer's website the reminder will offer you the chance to donate immediately.

3 Raise

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Sheldon School Enrichment Fund will be extremely grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

SHELDON SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER

HEAD-ITORIAL

The new year has begun and we welcome new parents to the school as well as say hello again to those of you who have been with us for many years. We have been delighted with how the Year 7s have settled in during the first two weeks and, in fact, all students have made an excellent start. The weather aside, we couldn't have asked for much more. Sadly, we weren't blessed with wall-to-wall sunshine over the summer holidays, but we certainly did experience a warm glow on results days. For those of you who use Twitter, you will already know that we have four students progressing to Oxford or Cambridge following some exceptional A Level results and at GCSE, 26 students achieved at least 10 A*/A grades. As a mathematician, I could bombard you with lots of positive statistics – but I won't, except to say that in this challenging time when everything has been changing with examinations, our students fared extremely well and can be proud of their successes.

We can now look with confidence to the year ahead and we have lots to be optimistic about. The dance studio footings are in and work is progressing nicely; Year 7 Camp will take place next week – weather permitting – and we will look to build on the healthy buzz that we have seen in classrooms in all year groups in the first fortnight. Part of our new vision statement refers to “a confident community, where teaching is inspirational, every individual valued and students are resilient, successful and proud of their school.” Core values include a commitment to developing “a community where relationships are strong, students are heavily involved in the life of the school, and where students and staff are happy.” I am pleased to say that the term has ably demonstrated these attributes and I very much hope to see this continue.

Neil Spurdell, Headteacher

Mission Possible - Scavenger Hunt

Register now in the library for the Scavenger Hunt where you will be given a SPY CODE NUMBER and more information.

Your mission, is to journey to several locations round the school to collect a puzzle piece. Upon completion you will receive a token of appreciation for a job well done, and your SPY CODE NUMBER will be entered into a draw for a Grand Prize!

Ideal for Year 7s to help with their navigation around school - but all years welcome.

Music Results

Congratulations to the following students on their music results:-

Rosie Paterson - Trinity Piano Grade 6 - PASS
James Harriman ABRSM Piano Grade 5 - DISTINCTION
Hannah Malpass Ex year 13 - Grade 8 Flute
Juliette Judkins 10EMH – Grade 4 Flute
Arthur Williams 11NEM – Grade 5 Saxophone



“Huge Congratulations to all my students on their exam results” - Mr Fosker (Flute & Saxophone Teacher)

Sheldon Associates

Our featured Associate this week is Corsham Print whose profile is below. If you would like to know more about Sheldon Associates, please visit the webpage which can be found under information on the school website or e-mail associates@sheldonschool.co.uk

CorshamPrint
CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

Corsham Print's creative solutions mix perfectly to match your requirements. Utilising over 30 years of experience, we've created an environment where listening and understanding your needs is fundamental, helping you produce the perfect solution.

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DESIGN SOLUTIONS

Creating the right impression is what counts; we will work with you to create a design solution that really stands out. We pull together all the creative elements required saving you time and effort, ensuring you maximise on the results from your project.

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With an ever-changing technological climate, utilising the correct equipment is essential. Our mix of print and finishing will ensure that your job is produced using the most appropriate solutions available today.

Year 12 Psychology Trip to Reading

On Thursday 6th July, 15 year 12 students, Mrs Sparrow and Mrs Butterworth went to Reading University for a psychology taster day to try and provide students with an idea of what a psychology degree could be like and involve. There were mini lectures on three different areas of psychology that Reading University teach as well as a campus tour from a brilliant guide. The day ended with a Q and A with current university students to try give the Year 12s an idea of what university life is like, as well as ideas for their personal statement. The day helped to push university as the next step in their future and all in all was a great day out.

Max Henshall Year 12 / 13



Wishing the new Year 7s a great time at camp next week. Let's hope the sun shines HAVE FUN!