

Sheldon Standard

HEAD-ITORIAL

In the previous edition of the Standard, I talked about the resilience of the Year 7s on their camp in Cranham, so continuing in the same vein, this edition begins with more camping for 79 bronze DofE students in Year 10. Saturday saw them brave some pretty dreadful weather, much as the Year 7s had, on their way to completing their final expedition weekend. Teamwork is very much the order of the day, as is perseverance and optimism, especially when a group goes slightly off course or encounters a curious group of cows as two of ours did last weekend. After a cold night, the teams set off early on Sunday morning and, perhaps aided by the beautifully warm autumn sunshine, found that the only significant mishap on day 2 was a temporarily lost boot in thick mud (thankfully retrieved – good teamwork again). With only the final presentations to come, all involved can be hopeful of success, which would be very well-deserved.

Also very much deserving of success were this year's recipients of the prizes at the annual awards evening held on Thursday. This year was the 29th such event and we were delighted to invite Ben Jones, former student, to be the guest speaker. Ben, by his own admission, did not make the most auspicious of starts to his Sheldon career, but over time worked incredibly hard and ultimately progressed to Cambridge University. Since then, he has held roles working as an intern for former US President, Jimmy Carter, and has been a policy advisor to 10 Downing Street; he was seconded by the British government on election observation missions in Kazakhstan, Guinea, Serbia and Ukraine and he can proudly claim to be the first person in the world to cycle the length of Cuba. Amazingly, he still hasn't turned 30! It was a pleasure to have one of our own return to share some of his stories and I am sure that amongst our current crop of students, we have many others capable of achieving great things. Anything is possible.

Neil Spurdell, Headteacher



German Exchange return visit 23 - 28 September

The Schiller Gymnasium is our partner school in Germany. 21 year 10 pupils and 33 year 9 pupils hosted pupils from Hamelin over the course of the week.

The year 10's greeted their partners on Saturday 23 and entertained them over the weekend with their families. Several of the boys took the train to Bristol where they had fun at 'Freedog' trampolining. Meanwhile others explored Bath.

The younger German pupils stayed at Grittleton and enjoyed a walk to Castle Combe on Saturday and a stroll and shopping in Bath on Sunday.

During the week our German visitors enjoyed day excursions to Oxford, Salisbury, the Big Pit and Chepstow castle in Wales.

On Thursday the German pupils spent the day at Sheldon. The older pupils shadowed their year 10 partners all day, experiencing registration, assembly and various lessons. The younger pupils were given a tour round the school with year 9 guides and enjoyed an afternoon of games in the Hall with their year 9 partners. Mrs Williams organised a lively pub-style quiz and Miss Sefton caused much excitement and suspense during Bilingual Bingo, proving to be a talented caller. There were prizes to be won and a lovely atmosphere as the Germans and English competed together.

After school the year 9's took their partners home with them to spend a little time with their families. Alex Sutton tucked into a typical English afternoon tea with his partner and his family and later visited 'the Red Lion' in Lacock for a meal. Emily Booker and Rachael Neal took their partners into Bath on the train and had dinner at Pizza Express.

All too soon it was time to go.....Lots of hugs and promises to stay in touch.... Places have already been allocated for the next exchange to Hamelin in March.

Mrs W Hart

Thinking of a career in Science?

On November 2nd and 9th from 3 - 4.15pm we have workshops for GCSE and A levels students who would like to find out more about The Brain. We are giving students the opportunity to dissect a brain and investigate the inner workings of this fascinating organ. To sign up you need to see Mrs Sparrow or Mrs Butterworth in the psychology department. You can attend one of the sessions and there is a limited number of spaces. Any questions email psychology@sheldonschool.co.uk.

Nicky Butterworth
Teacher of Humanities

School closes next Friday 20 October at 3.00 p.m. and re-opens to students and staff on Monday 30 October.

Psychologists at the Zoo!!!!

The psychology students returned safely after recently going to Bristol Zoo for the day. The 49 students spent their time at the zoo listening to classes, taught by a zoo keeper named Katie, on how to carry out studies on the behaviour of animals, the different types of animal behaviour and the varying ways that these studies could be done. During the day, students carried out their own research on animal behaviours and presented their findings to the group at the end. Whilst in lessons, the students were also permitted to touch and handle certain animals, including: 'meal worms', 'giant snails', the 'African pouch rat' and also a 'milk snake'. To conclude the day, there was a competition running throughout the trip as to who could take the best selfie with an animal - with the grand winner being Bethany Jones who has won chocolate and zoo vouchers!!!

Anya Gilliam, Year 13

Mental Health Awareness

Well done to Max Henshall and Olivia Chapple who presented some fantastic, informative assemblies to years 8, 9 and 10 on the importance of raising awareness of mental health issues to coincide with World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 11th October. Thank you to all ambassadors who took part in cake sales and other fund raising activities during the week. You are a credit to the department!!!

Mrs Sparrow



Awards Evening

Celebrating Sheldon's All-Round Achievers



Year 7 Winners

Ambre Davidson (FL)
Joseph Dunn (P)
Alexander Gibbons (PX)
Daisy Goodall (Pa)
James Harriman (Pa)
Cormac Harvey (Ma)
Joe Hill (Hu, P)
Jazz Johnson (Pa)
Oliver Jones (ICT, P)
Anna Kennewell (Pa)
Lucy Lancaster (En, Pa)
Eloise Low (Pa)
Honor Mayhew (Sc)
Iris Rosado (Co)
Alex Scott (Pa)
Maggie Stuczen (DT)
Jessie Wills (PE)

The Head's Award:
Maggie Stuczen



Year 11 Winners

Alice Bennett (Pa)
Caine Bradbury (PE)
Joseph Brickell (Hu)
Madison Bool (Pa)
Zahra Callahan (Hu)
Molly Ghinn (En)
Eve Hawkins (P)
Laura Hayes (PX)
Samir Jiwa (LT)
Joshua Kelly (Voc)
Safiya Mahmood (Ma)
Mollie Pearce (PX)
Esther Read (DT)
Tobias Read (Pa)
Lucie Reynolds (Sc)
Kaisha Thorpe (PE)
Dominic Ward (B/I)
Emma Williams (LT)

The Head's Award:
Poppy Jabelman



Year 8 Winners

Emily Anthony (Pa)
Beatrix Baddeley-Chappell (Hu)
Joshua Baker (ICT)
Chloe Bishop (Pa)
Annabel Candy (DT)
Louis Church (PE, Pa)
Rhiannon Graham (PX)
Charles Hall (En)
Edward Haskew (P, Pa)
Tommy Hempstock (Pa)
Jacob Roberts (Ma)
Tom Winfield (Sc)
Jelena Krunity-Salako (FL, Pa)
Nevaeha Saxty (Pa)
Thomas Sharpe (Co)
Alexander Smaller (Pa)
James Viner (Pa)

The Head's Award:
Beatrix Baddeley-Chappell

Year 9 Winners

Charlotte Foster-Bazin (PX, Pa)
Declan Blake (Pa)
Megan Cabell (Pa)
Tommie Chiu (Sc)
Claire Coxall (Pa)
Emily Dall'Occo (Pa)
Freya Hoing (P)
Cerys Jones (PE)
Harvey Lawson (Ma)
Alex Lynch (DT)
Alex O'Neill (Pa)
Ed Opie (Hu)
Thomas Reynolds (ICT)
Sophie Stephens (Pa)
Ellie-Mae Waldron (FL, Pa)
Kirsty Wang (En)
Harrison Ward (Pa)

The Head's Award:
Kirsty Wang



Year 10 Winners

Tahmin Ahmed (PX)
Femi Akinbobola (PE)
Kimberley Andrews (DT)
Harrison Bell (B/I)
Aoife Davies (P)
Archie Fitzgerald (Hu)
Victoria Hammond (En)
Josie Lindsey (Voc)
Freddie Peach (Pa)
Joseph Pritchard (P/R)
Matthew Scott (H)
Mabel Smaller (Pa)
Naomi Strong (FL)
Libby Taylor (Ma)
Lily Thomas (PX)
Jack Timberlake (Sc)
Joel Walker (DT)
Jessica Warn-Bromley (PE)
Emily Williams (FL)
Daniel Wylie (Co)

The Head's Award:
Archie Fitzgerald

Year 12 Winners

Bethany Beale (H&S)
Seb Blog (Pa)
Louisa Brunt (Pa)
Helen Buckland (LL)
William Bullock (LR)
Olivia Chapple (Pa)
Maseru Connor (Pa)
Henrietta Cole (DT)
Ewan Dagg (Ma)
Jake Davies (PX)
Edward Dyer (Pa)
Holly Faulkner (Sc)
Anya Gilliam (P)
Phoebe Hardingham (Hu)
Lydia Jones (En)
Sam Roberts (PE)
Anna Sheppard (Pa)
Toby Shirazian (Pa)
Becky Strain (Pa)
James Wylie (Pa)



The Rotary Club Community Award
Jacob Joad

The Lydia Harding Award
Corey Armstrong

The Sally Scott Award
Rosie O'Hagan

The Newsam Lower School Award
Ed Opie

The Scholars Award
Naomi White

The Octoprint DT Award
Cara Audis

The Beale Upper School Award
Molly Ghinn

Very many congratulations to each and everyone of you - well done!!

Key to Awards:-
Business/ICT - B/I
Community - Co
DT - DT
English - En

Foreign Languages - FL
Health and Social Care - H&S
Humanities - Hu
ICT - ICT
Languages Royster - LR

Languages Twinning - LT
Lloyds Business - LL
Mathematics - Ma
Pastoral - Pa
PE - PE

PSRE - P
PSRE/RE - P/R
PX Arts - PX
Science - Sc
Vocational Award - Voc