

Sheldon Standard

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Sixth Form students experience two days at University



18 criminology and psychology students have just returned from a two day residential to the University of South Wales to experience life as an undergraduate. They got to experience lectures and interactive classes with the criminology, psychology, forensics and policing faculties. One of the many highlights was taking part in an intensive session with the Hydra unit (see photo). There they had to work on a range of criminal cases and discuss how they would react and proceed under the watchful eye of policing lecturers. The Hydra suite is used by police forces all over the world today to train officers and look for aspiring leaders. A big thanks to Miss Dundas and Mr Pritchard for taking the students. They all got to sample the campus cuisine and the en-suite accommodation, there was an even a little bit of dancing at the end of the first evening. A great two days of university life.

Criminology students go to court

Criminology students were invited to Swindon magistrates court for a tour of the courts to support their Year 13 course. On arrival we were met by a magistrate that talked through his role and the other key personnel involved such as the CPS and probation team. We were then taken through to the public gallery and proceeded to watch 5 criminal cases that came before the magistrates. Some of the cases were automatically sent to crown court due to their seriousness but many were resolved and sentences handed out. It was a fascinating experience for all of us and the students asked many questions.

Former student Lewis Hall completed two weeks of work experience in one of the Elior kitchens in 2017 and then found a love of catering and went onto Wiltshire college to continue his catering studies.

Elior also employed Lewis part time to work in The Diner kitchen.

Lewis has gone from strength to strength and has recently been awarded "Best Overall Student" from Wiltshire College.

Well Done Lewis.

Adam Sydney, General Manager, Elior



Sheldon pupils raised a whopping £1036 for World Refugee Day a few weeks ago. Amazing!

This was used to buy many items and listed below are just a few of those items:

- 20 hot showers, 20 hot meals
- 14 warm blankets, 3 lamps
- 6 arrival bundles
- 5 pairs of children's boots
- 4 insulated coats, 3 tents
- 3 donations towards a medical team
- 2 packs of school supplies
- 2 emergency blankets
- 1 provision of mental health support
- 1 shelter bundle
- 1 mother and baby bundle

Miss Evans

STEM - Well done Sheldon A team!!

On Wednesday 26th June, eight Year 8 students went to Bath University for the day to take part in a STEM Challenge against other schools in the area of Bath. We had an opportunity to tour the engineering department of Bath University, which was really cool. Each school was split into two teams of four, and were given the task to create a marble run with working motors from lots of different materials. There were people there from engineering companies to give us tips and hints as well. The day was organised to inform teenagers of what engineering is, and at the end of the day many awards were given out in specific categories for the



Olivia

Alice

Matty

Will

different team's models, but our Sheldon A Team comprising: Alice Coote (8RAY), Matty Thornton (8RMJ); Olivia Roberts (8RMJ) & Will Lawson (8RMJ) won the overall award with their model against 14 other teams!

Thanks to Mr Mahmood and Bath University for organising the event.

Olivia Roberts, Year 8

HEAD-ITORIAL

And so, we have arrived at the end of another year. It's not been a gentle drift towards the school holidays that one might see in many schools, Turnaround Week being a full and busy programme of lessons. Ahead of that we saw two fantastic key stage 3 performing arts showcase events, a wonderful summer concert, a highly competitive sports day and a business breakfast in which a number of our students came to talk to our Sheldon Associates very early one morning. This week we have welcomed our new Year 7s from primary school and they have made an excellent impression; it's an exciting time of year and it has been lovely to see their positivity and enjoyment around school. The end of the year inevitably sees departures as well and this summer amongst the colleagues who are leaving are four who have worked at Sheldon for over 25 years. John Jenkins has done a sterling job keeping the site immaculate and safe in his role as caretaker; Lesley Holloway and Rob Kerr have taught thousands of children in their combined 56 years in Science as well as being much-loved tutors to a number of tutor groups; and after 35 years here, we are saying goodbye to Emma le Fleming. As a member of the senior team, Emma has contributed massively to the school, building on her work as an excellent PE teacher and Head of Year before becoming Assistant Head. She is a hugely respected colleague who has lived and breathed Sheldon and her going is a big loss. We are pleased for her and others who are leaving to enjoy life without the confines of school bells as well as those who are going on to pastures new, several to well-deserved promoted posts. Then for all of us, all being well, a relaxing and refreshing summer lies ahead before our return in September when it will all begin again in earnest. Wishing you all an enjoyable break.

Neil Spurdell, Headteacher

Annual Governance Statement and Parent Governor Vacancies

The Annual Governance Statement for 2018-19 is available on the school website (Information-Governors-Annual Governance Statement). The statement gives a round-up of the work done by the Governors' committees during the year.

In the autumn term there will be an election for two Parent Governor vacancies. If you would like information or to have a chat about these please contact chairofgovernors@sheldonschool.co.uk or jhawtin@sheldonschool.co.uk.

Congratulations to Owen Merrett who won the bronze medal in the U17 men's hammer at The English Schools Athletics Championships earlier this month.

Well done Owen!



Sheldon Equestrians finish the season in style

Our team travelled to the Hickstead All England Jumping Course, in West Sussex, for the National Schools Equestrian Association 'Eventers Challenge Championships'. In a strong field of 29 teams our four riders finished on the podium with an impressive 3rd place. A huge congratulations to; Honor Mayhew riding Crabbswood Martini, Annabel Candy riding Zora Azoo, Natasha Candy riding Lownthwaite Muzzy and Tilly Hutchings riding Tullyvinn Grey Lady.

The team would like to say a huge thank you not only to their horses and parents, but to the parent enrichment fund, who for the second time this year paid for their stabling at championship shows. Without this support, attending events would be very difficult.

On 22nd June the riders were out again, this time in a 'Jumping with Style' competition. This was judged by triple Olympic gold medalist Matt Ryan. The team finished fourth, qualifying them for another championships in the autumn. Congratulations to Cyd Lattanzio riding Sandpiper, Annabel Candy riding Zora Azoo, Mia Bates riding Longslade Preacher and Rebecca Sartin riding Sprattsdown Timekeeper.

I hope that all of our riders, their families and equines have a fantastic and fun summer.

Miss Minors

A warm welcome all the new Year 7 pupils and we hope they enjoyed their first week with us. We also say farewell and good luck to the members of staff and year 13 students who are off to pastures new.

School closes at 12.20 am on Friday 19 July and re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 3 September.

Have a great summer break everyone!!

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