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SHELDON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Awards Evening

We were very proud to welcome back past pupil and CEO of the NSPCC, Sir Peter Wanless, to be the keynote speaker of our 35th Annual Awards Evening.

Congratulations to all of the talented students honoured on the evening and thank you to everyone who made the event a success.

[You can read more about it here.](#)



Football Fundraiser

Last month, our Sixth Form co-presidents organised a charity football match against Hardenhuish to raise funds for Teenage Cancer Trust.

It was a glorious day filled with sunshine, music and fun all for a wonderful cause. Sheldon beat Harden 1-0 too, not a bad result!

[Read more and find out how to donate here.](#)



A Delicious Start to Term 1

We were very happy to welcome our new caterers, Innovate, to Sheldon School this term. Their delicious, freshly prepared meals have certainly gone down well with our students and staff.

We've received rave reviews about new selection of hot meals, sandwiches, fresh fruit and cakes.

Innovate also catered our Awards Evening, providing beautiful canapés and deserts for our guests.

[To find out more about the catering options at Sheldon, including menus and pricing, visit our website.](#)



Head-itorial

It was a great start to the new school year....

Thank you to all the parents that took the time to attend my Meet the Headteacher sessions last month. I compiled all of the questions I received during these meetings into a FAQ that you can view on our website.

If you would like to view the presentation I made during the sessions, [you can find it here](#).

Summer Works at Sheldon

Over the summer holidays our Facilities Department took advantage of the quiet corridors to make improvements to our school environment. They installed the new parking barrier, gave classrooms a fresh coat of paint, replaced old flooring and gave everything a deep clean and fresh polish. This was no easy task, but our expert facilities team certainly make it look easy! We also installed new Velux windows to the arts block roof, improving the natural light for our budding artists.

The biggest change to our buildings is best viewed from above--we installed solar panels across most of our buildings. Thanks to the Bath and West Community Partnership for helping us do our part to make the school a bit greener and cut energy expenses too!

Read more here.



High Praise for Year 7!

Congratulations to Year 7 for dominating our epraise leader board week after week during Term 1. Can they keep it up in Term 2? Will Year 8 pip them to the post? Keep showing your amazing commitment to our school values and earn Praise Points to get your year group to the top!

Overall, our students have shown extraordinary character this term, adapting to the new behaviour policy and showing commitment to their learning. We've seen a steady decline in late arrival to lessons compared to last year and an increase in Praise Points. Let's keep it up next term! Remember to be kind, be brave and be the best you!

Welcome Y9 Ambassadors

Congratulations to our newly appointed School Ambassadors!

Students in Year 9 have the opportunity to apply to become Ambassadors for Science, Sports and Languages.

Our Ambassadors support learning activities with younger students and local primary schools, represent their department during Open Evenings and other exciting events throughout the year. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain a leadership role and engage further in subjects they love.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updated on their activities throughout the year.

You can read more about our Ambassadors here.

Spooky Short Story Competition

Our student library assistants have organised a writing competition for all year groups. To enter, bring your frightfully good short story to the library during the first week of Term 2.

International Connections

This term our MFL Department said ¡hola! and willkommen! to visitors from two different continents!

Our Y10 and Y11 Spanish students met with young people from St Mary's in Calne and Northfield College in Buenos Aires to hear presentations from the Argentinian visitors about their cultural heritage. They then spent the morning socialising, comparing student life and practicing their English and Spanish together.



Our Y8 and Y9 German students spent the day with Schuller Gymnasium, taking visiting students on tours of the school, along to their classes and finishing the day at The Arc climbing centre.

Later in the year, Sheldon students will travel to Hamelin to repay the visit. Thank you to the UK-German Connection for continuing to support the partnership between our schools by providing the bursary that funded the entire experience.



Happy Campers

Despite the weather, our new Year 7 students had an amazing time at camp. The pouring rain may have even made camp all the more memorable!

Each side of the year group spent 2 days and 1 night camping in Cranham, Gloucester where they enjoyed team building and adventure activities, a BBQ and plenty of laughs around the giant campfire.

Thank you to all the staff that camped with us as well as the 6th Form volunteers and Y11 Prefects that support the campers and made the newest members of the Sheldon community feel so welcome.

This is one of our favourite Sheldon traditions, rain or shine!



Coming Up in Term 2

Mark your calendars for the following events next term.

02/11 - Y10 Parent Information Evening

07/11 - Y7 Parent Information Evening

09/11 - 6th Form Info Evening (for Y11 students)

21/11 - Y13 Virtual Parents Evening

23/11 - Y11 Parents Information Evening

27/11 - TD Day School Closed

07/12 - Y11 Virtual Parents Evening

15/12 - End of Term 2 (finish at 12:30pm)

Christmas Performances

Look out for a notification on ParentPay when tickets go on sale.

Christmas Concert
Wed 6 December @ 7pm

A Christmas Carol

Evening Production
11-13 December @ 7pm

Town Primary Matinee
Mon 11 December @ 2:30pm

Village Primary Matinee
Tues 12 December @ 9:30am

Student Spotlight

We have so many talented young people in our school. Here are some of the great things they've achieved this term.

Heidi - Y9

Received her Black Belt in Taekwondo

Sookie - Y9

Passed her Grade 3 PIANO EXAM with MERIT

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Winners of the Lego Masters Competition

Alex, Chloe, Max & Sammy

Winners of the MFL Hat Competition

Lacey - Y8

Will take the stage in Snow White at the Wyvern Theatre Swindon.

Sports/PE Updates



Lettings at Sheldon

Did you know that Sheldon is available for hire?

Our sports facilities, dance studio, school hall, library and meeting rooms are available to hire on an individual or long-term basis.

We have a wide variety of organisations that let from us, including social clubs, drama and dance schools, sports groups, yoga classes, bootcamps and more.

Some of our long-standing lettings partners include:

- [Bootcamp UK Chippenham](#)
- [Stagecoach Chippenham](#)
- [Chippenham 23 Badminton Club](#)
- [Chippenham Flower Club](#)
- [Chippenham Harriers & the Chippenham Half Marathon](#)

Spaces fill up fast, so if you are looking for a location for your meeting, workshop or course, please get in touch right away!

You can find out more on our [lettings page](#) or by emailing lettings@sheldonschool.co.uk.

New Lunchtime Arrangements

Starting in Term 2 we will have new arrangements for year group playgrounds and new sports equipment for students to use. We hope that this makes our students' break times more enjoyable.

We will also open a classroom for prayer, meditation and quiet reflection during lunch and after school. All students are invited to make use of this space as needed. See your tutor for more details.

Are You Following Us?

If you aren't already, please consider following Sheldon on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#). We post regularly to keep the Sheldon community aware of all the amazing things happening in our school.

You can also follow your child's year group on Instagram, as well as follow accounts for PE, DT, Art, Careers and Dance.

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2024?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2023

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

Have a wonderful midterm break!

We'll be back for Term 2 on Monday 30 October!