

Sheldon School warmly welcomes the New Year 7s who have settled in remarkably well. They have been to Camp this week and we look forward to hearing in the next issue how they all got on. A warm welcome also to all the new students who have joined the school in various years, the students new to the sixth form and new members of staff.

The Standard will be issued every 3 weeks during term time. If you have any items that you would like considered for inclusion please e-mail tfediw@sheldonschool.co.uk

Freshers Fair

Last Thursday, the Sixth form student leadership team held a 'Fresher's Fair' for the new Year 12s, an event to help the Y12s choose their electives and an opportunity to have any questions answered from an older student's perspective. The fair had a great turn out, resulting in a busy lunchtime for the Y13s involved! The Y12s were able to learn more about the things they will be doing for the next couple of years and the Y13s got the chance to offer their advice and knowledge. Overall, it was a great success and a chance for both of the year groups to come together - something that unfortunately has not been possible for sixth formers over the last few years, due to covid restrictions! On top of this, we held a cake sale that raised around £60 for our chosen charity (to be confirmed). A big thank you to Althea Abagao and Katie Boulton, who largely organised this event and also to everyone who helped out/came along. Here's to more joint sixth form events!

Well done, Lucy!

Year 8 student, Lucy Edwards, has recently participated and was placed in the English Vaulting Championships held in Warwick. She finished with reserve champion in her category. She tried new moves that are risky in terms of marks for execution and kept composure and a positive attitude throughout the entirety of the championships. Lucy demonstrated core Sheldon values such as kindness and courtesy and was even thanked by her coach for her friendly and supportive attitude to people from other clubs. Overall, an amazing accomplishment for not only Lucy but also for the school.

Congratulations to Annabelle Dickie in Year 13 who has achieved a distinction in her grade 8 ballet exam!



Senior Team Maths Challenge

At the end of last term, our A Level mathematicians put their skills and teamwork to the test in our Senior Team Maths Challenge, even competing against a team of maths teachers and senior staff combined. Testing communication, problem solving and logical deduction, only one team could rise victorious. With the staff putting up a fierce competition, it was a very tight finish, with Mr Spurdell leading his team to triumph, but a very noble (and very close) second place was secured by Oliver, Joseph, Jenny and Carmen. Truncatable prime pencils were the coveted prize won by 1st and 2nd place.
Miss Libby



Head-itorial

After a gap of two-and-a-half years, the Sheldon Standard is back! Hopefully, this marks the start of a truly normal year and one in which we will have re-established everything at the levels we would want. Extra-curricular activities grew in number last year and it is pleasing to see a good variety on offer already for students to choose from; my hope is these will develop as time goes on, as this is a crucial aspect within Sheldon school life. One of the key trips for Year 7 students is Camp, but indicative of these strange times, this week's planned activity had to be altered to allow for the additional Bank Holiday. As I said in my letter last week ahead of the Queen's funeral, I hoped that everyone would take the opportunity, royalist or not, to observe some of the proceedings and whilst I didn't see it all from beginning to end, I found watching the ceremony to be incredibly fascinating at what is a major point in history. In this new era, it's time to look ahead and hopefully to a school year full of optimism. Despite the strangeness brought about by the times, 2022/23 has begun well.

Neil Spurdell
Headteacher | *N. Spurdell*



Criminology Crime Scene Day

Before Social Science students began their glorious summer break, they had a chance to participate in a Crime Scene Day delivered by Simon Smith, a former police detective with a wealth of experience, derived from an impressive career investigating true crimes. The students then had the opportunity to analyse a simulated mock crime scene and listen to extracts from interviews and 999 calls in order to put together and present a mock trial with the evidence they had collated

during the day. They were then provided with the opportunity to present the case for the prosecution or defence of a suspect.

It was an informative and productive day which complemented the 'From Crime Scene to Courtroom' Unit of the Year 2 course, allowing them to build upon and apply their knowledge and understanding. Students were excellent throughout with both their enthusiasm, and attention to detail! A great day and hopefully one that will be repeated in the future! Thanks to Miss Dundas for co-ordinating this.

Mrs Sparrow



If you want to book a badminton court or 5 a side football pitch, run a fitness class, hold an AGM, have a family celebration, we have the venue for you!
Please go to <https://app.sportskey.com/venues/1130> and have a look on what we hire out after 5.00pm.



Would you like your son/daughter, yourself to join a group? We host Stagecoach Drama, Rock Project, Classical Ballet and Phoenix Dance, Yoga, Pilates, Boot Camp, Junior basketball, Adult and Junior badminton, Adult and junior martial arts, First Steps Soccer and RugbyTots. Get involved? Contact Lynne on lettings@sheldonschool.co.uk

Congratulations to the following on their Music Exam results:-
Luca Dowson (Year 8) Piano Grade 4 with Merit.
Holly Standen (Year 7) Piano Grade 3 passed

Hello Yellow

10th October supporting Young Minds charity-

Years 7-11 School Uniform but to wear yellow accessories
Sixth form and staff to wear yellow