

Children in Need - Friday 18 November

There was lots going on throughout the day including Year 7 who did a cake sale for Children in need which raised a whopping £262.05!! This was down to the HUNDREDS of cakes made/bought/donated by year 7 students (and/or their parents) and our fab team of tutor reps who manned the cake stall during their lunchtime.

There was 'Sponge the Teacher' as popular as ever! Computer games at lunchtime and sporting competitions in the gym. Well done to everyone who contributed to the day, collecting a whopping £1672.00 for Children in Need.

The sixth form did an 80s dress up including a costume competition plus a cake sale.



SHELDON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

School Fire Warden Training

The Staff Development Day on Friday 25th November saw many different teaching and learning sessions being held around the school, including training from an outside agency to the School Fire Wardens. This 3 hour training course is repeated every two years, and included the use of fire extinguishers, noticing fire hazards, how to tackle a small fire and how to evacuate people quickly on the sounding of the fire alarm.



Future Partnership

I wanted to keep you informed that we are in very early discussions about setting up a new Multi Academy Trust (MAT) in the area, which would be a joint arrangement with Sheldon, Hardenhuish and St Laurence. This is potentially very exciting for all three schools, but much more has to be explored before any firm decision is taken. Of course, we will keep everyone informed as things progress. However, as the first discussion has now taken place to start to explore this, we thought it was important that you knew that this was happening. Were a MAT to materialise, this would not change the fact that we are three separate schools, but would increase our opportunities for collaboration and the sharing of good practice.

Neil Spurdell, Headteacher

Head-itorial

One week to go until the Christmas holidays and we're getting into the seasonal spirit. Last night, we witnessed an excellent concert, which for me always signals the festive period, the audience being treated to some wonderful singing and playing from our talented musicians. Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be the turn of our actors as Sheldon puts on its version of Macbeth and, again, I am very much looking forward to what's in store. There has also been a good demand for the Christmas lunch on Tuesday, something that has not been possible since 2019, with students stretching out over a two-hour period to accommodate all who want to enjoy the fair in the Refectory. The crisp winter weather has completed the picture and it is set to last until we break up. Maybe, we will have a white Christmas this year, but whether that materialises or not, I wish you all a very happy time spending it with family and friends.

Neil Spurdell
Headteacher | *N. Spurdell*

Flute, Saxophone & Music Theory Lessons (All years)

Have you ever wanted to learn the flute or saxophone or need help with grade 5 theory? I am currently the flute and saxophone teacher here at Sheldon School and also run the school's flute and saxophone groups.

I have some spaces available for lessons, so if you're interested, please get in touch.

I'm an Associate of Wiltshire Music Connect <https://wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/member/tim-fosker-llcm-fism/>, so please ask me about subsidised lessons and cheap or free instrument hire.

Please get in touch directly with me to ask about the lesson fees, because they can vary and are dramatically reduced or even free if you receive any of the following Looked After by Wiltshire Council Children, Pupil Premium and FSM, SEN/Disabilities

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.



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Year 7 enjoyed a fab festive trip to the Frankfurt Christmas market in Birmingham on Monday and Tuesday organised by the MFL faculty. Lots of fun, sweets and Bratwurst were had by all!



Exam Certificates Summer 2022

Certificates are currently being distributed for qualifications gained last summer. For students still in school, these will be passed on by hand. Students who have left school, we can pass to siblings still at Sheldon. We can also send by recorded delivery or students can collect during school hours. For ex-year 13s we aim to distribute many at the reunion being held on 5th January 2023. Any queries please email exams@sheldonschool.co.uk

Mrs Payne, Exams

FREE ENTRY
Everyone Welcome

Indoor Christmas Fair
Chippenham Sports Club

- Stalls
- Raffle
- Mince pies
- Serving food
- PSC Choir performing
- Treasure hunt
- Face painting
- Hot chocolate

Fun and Games
Bristol Rd, SN15 1NH

11th DECEMBER
11am - 4pm

BEBRAS CHALLENGE

Every October, BEBRAS (<https://www.bebbras.uk/>) runs its national Computational Thinking Skills Challenge. The Challenge is open to all students and has different levels of challenges for different age groups. This year, for the first time ever, Sheldon students in Year 9 and options classes from Years 10 - 13 entered. Students are tested on their ability to solve a range of problems using logic, which helps them to develop the important Computational Thinking Skills that are vital in Computer Science. It was really pleasing to see the students taking part in the tasks and trying to work out the solutions to these problems.

The official BEBRAS results are now in school and out of 350 students who took part, we achieved the following:

95 students placed in the top 50% nationally
88 students placed in the top 25% nationally
21 students placed in the top 10% nationally (1 of these had a perfect score!)

All of the students who were placed in the top 10% (Gold Award) will have the opportunity to take part in more challenges, linked with Oxford University.

I would like to congratulate all of the students who took part and I am really proud of the results, especially because it is our first year of taking part. I'm really looking forward to next year's results!
Mr Minghella.

Huge congratulations to Year 7 Rugby Boys

Yesterday, the Year 7s won the Area Rugby tournament. They played six and won six. Scored 24 tries and only conceded 1. The results were

Group stage - Sheldon 10 Clarendon 0, Sheldon 20 Kingdown 0, Sheldon 40 St Augustines 0, Sheldon 20 Devizes 0

Finals - Sheldon 15 St Laurence 5, Sheldon 15 Malmesbury 0

Congratulations to the 50+ boys who have attended rugby training this year. Sheldon have gone the whole season unbeaten with a 100% record.

Mr Humphreys, PE



School closes for the Christmas break at 12.30 pm
 Friday 16th December 2022 and re-opens on
 Tuesday 3rd January 2023

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a
 Happy New Year

