



Sheldon School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all well and looking forward to the Christmas break. We wanted to write to you before the end of the year to highlight some of the great work that has been undertaken in school this term, as well as some forthcoming key dates and reminders. It has been another busy and varied term in the Sixth Form including trips to Parliament, Lacock and the American Museum as well as several ex-students and other visiting speakers in assembly with themes as diverse as being a Stage/Film Fight Director and KPMG apprenticeships. Several former students have also been involved in supporting students with their university applications.



Be Kind

Sixth Form students have collectively contributed hundreds of hours of positive impact in the school and wider community. For some, this has been part of regular volunteering, mentoring, reading or support in lower school lessons as part of their Project 5000 commitment. For others it has been helping at local primary schools, clubs, nurseries, and doing work to support local health care providers.

Lots of students have also helped selling refreshments at various school events raising money for Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance and we also supported the #helloyellow campaign for Young Minds (Mental Health Awareness Week) back in October.

We would also like to give a special mention to the two lovely young people in Yr12 who have put the chairs out for assembly nearly all year! It is really appreciated.

Be Brave

Thank you and well done to all those who participated in the recent Christmas concert and school production of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Both were great nights, and it was brilliant to see so many Sixth Formers involved.

Well done to those Yr12s who have already arranged their work experience for w/b 6th July 2026 – bravely contacting lots of employers to secure placements.

It has also been great to see so many students getting involved in our wide range of enrichment activities including: British Sign Language, Ten Tors, Core Maths, Gold DofE, TEFL and EPQ

Be the Best You



Yr13 students enjoying a reward breakfast for their excellent reports

We have been extremely impressed by the hard work and dedication of students in preparing to apply for university and other pathways. Many students have already received offers from a wide range of universities including offers to interview at Oxford and for Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry and Nursing. We wish you all the best of luck with your applications and remind you that the final deadline comes quickly in the new year (**14th Jan**) so please do all you can this side of Christmas!

This leads us on to reminding parents of the **Y13 parent information evening on Wednesday 14th January**. During this evening you will receive further information about the UCAS process and the next steps with regards to university applications, such as how to apply for student finance. We will also be discussing potential options for students who do not want to apply for university as well as some advice on how best to revise and prepare for the **upcoming mock exams (w/b 26th January)**. Yr13 will be on study leave for that week and only need to come in for their exams. There are also events in term 3 to support those applying for jobs and apprenticeships.

Revision Olympics and '5hrs in....' documents can be found [here](#) and are designed to support revision and independent study over the coming months.

Wiltshire Mental Health Team were in school for a **Yr13 Exam Stress Workshop** on December 9th and will be back to repeat this for the remaining Yr13s on the afternoon of **Wednesday 14th January**.

For Yr12s who are already considering applying for very competitive courses at university we have already started support via our Sheldon Scholars programme. This will continue in 2026 and all Yr12 will have the opportunity to visit a careers fair and a university discovery day.

Other things to look forwards to...

The Common Room has had some games and a new coffee machine added and some more refurbishments are planned for the new year.

Following the boys' recent success on the football pitch we hope to have a girls' netball tournament with local school Sixth Forms.

And Sheldon does Strictly will return in March 2026!

When we return in 2026, Wednesday afternoon PE will be compulsory for all Yr12 students every week (unless they have a timetabled lesson or a medical reason). For Yr13 students this will now be optional. These sessions are incredibly valuable for mental and physical health as well as being vital for creating a Sixth Form community.

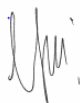
Some final reminders

- All students should wear their lanyard around their neck at all times when on-site
- Sixth Form students should NOT be parking on-site
- Wherever possible appointments should be made outside of the school day. When this isn't possible, they should be made in study time. Leave of absence requests should be made here:
<https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/home/contact/leave-of-absence-requests/>
- Unplanned absences / illness should continue to be reported via 01249 766020 option 2.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your support in a really successful term with the vast majority of students focused on being their absolute best selves every single day.

We wish you all a very peaceful festive season.

Yours faithfully,



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Head of Sixth Form / Assistant Headteacher

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