

Sheldon Standard

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On 30th March 42 dance students and 4 staff departed for Easter in New York City!

After a very long journey, with Jenny Francklin winning the on board colouring in competition, we checked into our hotel in the Flat Iron district. We enjoyed our first evening in Time Square with a meal at Planet Hollywood. Our first full day began with a dance class at the world famous Steps on Broadway studios. Following this we visited the 9/11 memorial and Brooklyn Bridge. Our evening was spent at Ellen's Stardust Diner where we sang along with our waiters as they entertained us as well as serving our food. Easter Sunday started with a visit to Top of The Rock, a panoramic view of the city from 73rd floor which was amazing, we then saw the Easter Parade along Fifth Avenue before having an Easter Egg Hunt in Central Park. During the evening we enjoyed a beautiful sunset cruise along the Hudson River. We awoke to 4 inches of snow on Monday morning but ploughed on to our Chicago workshop where the students learnt 'All That Jazz' from two current show cast members. We then took a bus tour of the city on The Ride before performing our flash mob on Broadway. That evening we spotted our workshop leaders on stage as we watched Chicago - trying not to sing along and join in from our seats. Our last day took us back to Steps for our final class before heading to Grand Central Terminal for some last minute shopping and lunch before beginning our journey home.

It was an exhausting but amazing trip and we saw and did so much in a very short time. Great memories made, well done dancers!

Miss Tryner

Sheldon Associates



Our featured Associate this week is Alliance, whose profile is below. If you would like to know more about Sheldon Associates, please visit the webpage which can be found under information on the school website or e-mail associates@sheldonschool.co.uk

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Alliance has a strong focus on attracting, developing and rewarding its employees well. We are always seeking new talent to grow and nurture. This includes new initiatives such as our IT Apprenticeship scheme, in addition to hiring university graduates onto graduate schemes, aimed at providing a varied scope of experiences which benefit both the business and graduates themselves.

Alliance is a rapidly expanding, fast moving, fun and responsible place to work. We are one team where everyone's ideas are valued and listened to, the right solutions are sought and we work together to get the best results."

Result of Parent Governor Election

In the recent election Mrs Louise Carver was re-elected and Mr Kevin Pearce was appointed as a Parent Governor. We thank them for their willingness to play an active part in the life of the school, and hope they enjoy their time on the governing body.

Twelve year 7 girls have been selected to be ball girls for TeamBath netball team at Bath University on the evening of Friday 4th May.

This is a real honour and a very responsible job!

Mrs S Porter



In 2017 knitter Clare Young organised a yarnbomb at Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice in Glos. She has now been invited to create a special knitted and crocheted garden for the RHS Malvern Spring Festival on 10th-13th May. She is hoping for 10,000 handmade hearts for her project. The Sheldon Nutty Knitters are working hard to create as many as we can. It is with thanks to the Enrichment Fund that we have so many colours to knit them in, and have knitted 30 to send off to Clare Young!

Miss Punter

HEAD-ITORIAL

In the last Standard, I reported back on a highly successful exchange visit to Hamlyn in Germany with the Year 8 and 9 students, so it seemed very apt that we started back on the first day of this term by welcoming French students and their teachers from Collège Edouard Herriot in la Roche-sur-Yon. My O Level French, which gets rustier as each year passes, meant that I was able to extend some greetings in their native language – I think they understood it – but as always, these opportunities are ones whereby our students learn from counterparts across the water and, in staying with them later in the year, will learn more about their culture and progress their French.

My chance to practise my speaking skills has come sooner than theirs, however, with a visit to Lausanne last Thursday and Friday as a guest of the department of further education, youth and culture from the Canton de Vaud. Five Swiss students have been assigned to Sheldon for a year from September 2018 and I was tasked with meeting with them and their families and describing what Sheldon was all about. Their year with us will be their second in a three-year diploma in which they have to study in an English-speaking foreign country, but their placement will enrich the experiences of our sixth formers working alongside them, as well as developing the education of the Lausanne students themselves. An exciting prospect to be looking forward to.

Neil Spurdell, Headteacher

Wonderful Week in Hamlyn



Before Easter 30 Year 8s, 18 Year 9s and 4 members of staff travelled to Hamlyn, Germany for the first stage of our annual visit and exchange. We are so lucky that the school supports these German and French Exchanges as many schools have dropped this in favour of residential trips. The chance to meet up with 'real' Germans, try out some German and discover new places is fantastic.

Both year groups were a real credit to the school. Year 8s enjoyed the toboggan run, moulding dough into some unusual shapes at the Bakery and finding out about the witch hunts. They also

probably provided some of the best entertainment ever for the talent show on the Wednesday evening!

Meanwhile Year 9s were able to go into school for two days and observed and participate in lessons.

We look forward to hosting our exchange partners when they return to the UK from Saturday 22nd September to Thursday 27th September 2018.

Many thanks to them all for being such a great group!

Mrs Jordan-Barr

We are proud to announce that Luke Hazeltine Yr 9 has been selected to represent the England Team at the Frivolten Cup trampoline competition in Herrljunga, Sweden on 12 May 2018. Well done Luke and we wish you good luck in the competition.

Tobacco Factory Theatre Trip

On Thursday 15th March, a group of 45 Year 11 students travelled to the Tobacco Factory Theatre in Bristol to watch an adaptation of Macbeth. For some, this was a play that they had studied in depth, and every soliloquy had been analysed. For others, this would be the first time - and all in original Shakespearean English!

The play was phenomenal. The costumes were loosely based on post-war 1940s England and the actors took advantage of the amphitheatre style tremendously. Many students were initially confused by the symbolism used by the witches but as the play developed this proved extremely effective. Overall, the performance was thoroughly enjoyed.

Thank you to Mrs Law and Mr Girvan for organising the trip.

Emily Williams Year 11

Internet Safety

The National Online Safety organisation has just released an excellent guide for parents, all about Snapchat. The guide discusses why the app is so popular, and contains excellent information on how to minimise some of the risks involved in using Snapchat. For instance, it emphasises how to disable the 'snap map' feature which can reveal a user's real-time location. See <http://bit.ly/2K6T4NL> for a short and practical overview.

Mr Shaw

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