

Sheldon Standard



On the 11th November 2018 Britain and Sheldon School will be remembering that 100 years ago World War One came to an end. Sheldon will be commemorating the end of the war in the week running up to the 11th November, ending with a service on Friday 9th November in the afternoon.

We are now launching competitions for students to enter. Listed below are the different categories for the competition. The winning entries will be on display during the week in November with many of them performed or displayed during the service.

Please be a part of this commemoration.

All the winners of the competitions will be showcased at the memorial service.

There will be prizes for the winners and runners up. Hand in all entries to the humanities office by **Friday July 6th**.

Any further questions find Miss Owen in the humanities office or email jowen@sheldonschool.co.uk.

DANCE AND DRAMA

Create either a dance or drama performance.

Record these and put on a memory stick and hand in to humanities office.

The winner could perform at the memorial service in November.

CREATIVE WRITING

Create a piece of writing to commemorate World War One.

Eg. Write a letter, a diary entry, a poem etc.

These will be read out during the commemoration service in November

ART

Create a commemoration piece. E.g. create a poppy out of old newspapers, magazines. Or complete a collage of fallen soldiers.

MUSIC

Create a composition to commemorate world war one.

This can be any style of music as long as it suitably commemorates the fallen soldiers in WWI



D.T

Design a permanent memorial to the soldiers who died. The best design, could be made and kept in Sheldon school.

Think about materials, design and cost.

Well done to our Dressage Riders!

Natasha Candy, Honor Mayhew and Minty Mayhew all qualified as a team at Hartpury College, Glos on Saturday 9th June for The Plate Championships which will be held in November in Keysoe, Bedfordshire where our riders will compete against other qualifying school teams from across the country! Well done girls and ponies!

Mrs Dickens



Breathing life into medicines

Sheldon Associates: Our featured Associate this week is Alliance Pharmaceuticals, 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

Alliance Pharmaceuticals is an international pharmaceutical & healthcare products company with its global headquarters located in the centre of Chippenham. We started trading in 1998 and have grown strongly to an annual turnover around £100 million and employing around 200 employees.

At the heart of our business sits a diverse team of dedicated professionals who are committed to providing much needed medicines and healthcare products around the world. Some of these include local household names such as Lypsyl, Ashton & Parsons and Vamousse. Our expertise lies in the acquisition and licensing of these products and delivering these to patients and consumers.

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."

HEAD-ITORIAL

For those that have been counting, this is my 100th Headitorial. I feel that I ought to write something out of the ordinary by way of marking the occasion, but given that the weather makes a regular appearance in my pieces, maybe I will settle for the fact that the glorious hot sunshine is rather extraordinary and settle for that. Coincidentally, you will have read from the recent schoolcomms that we decided recently to add tailored grey shorts to our uniform list as an option for those who wanted it; this week, we have seen increasing numbers taking advantage of the opportunity – and I've been rather tempted myself. I am beyond the standard 13-14 year-old (both in age and size) and would not fit into the recommended shorts, something that I have had a small number of queries about. Our link to M&S was given simply because that retail outlet produced shorts that we believe complements our normal provision from Scholars; but, so long as boys or girls wear shorts that are of that style and colour, I am happy for the purchase to come from elsewhere. If you are in any doubt, please consult your son's or daughter's head of year or send them a link with your intended purchase so that they can confirm this will be acceptable. Shorts of the sporting kind were in evidence last Friday and what a fine occasion the Olympic Fun Run was; fortunately, the sun looks set to continue until Sports Day on the 11th, which will also mark the end of the academic year – before Turnaround in the final week leading up to the summer holidays. Here's hoping that by the time I write my 102nd Headitorial in September, we will have enjoyed unbroken sunshine throughout the July-August break!

Neil Spurdell, Headteacher

How much Gaming is too much Gaming?

Confession: I've always liked computer games. It's probably the reason I was interested in computers in the first place, and it's a fascination that has stuck with me all my life. I can't remember the last time I spent more than 10 minutes playing a game though – it just seems an impossible time-based luxury. My son, like most of the boys he knows, seems determined to spend as much time as possible playing Fortnite or similar. Over the winter, it seemed like a reliable way of allowing some down time and he clearly gets a lot of fun out of it....but with a blessed summer on our hands it seems a criminal waste of time to sit in a sweaty attic shouting at his virtual friends.

Time allowance is set. The kitchen timer is deployed. Five minute warnings are issued and then arguments kick in anyway. Controllers and leads are hidden for 24 hours, and then repeat. There is no easy solution – the only thing that has worked in our house is offering more enticing activities. This week, a river swim and the world cup have won - tennis and Frisbee the week before.

But how much is too much? Scientists disagree – but many state that either there is no convincing evidence that gaming is inherently 'bad', or that there hasn't been enough research. However, The South West Grid for Learning surveyed 6000 families in 2015 and found that, by year 11, students who gamed played for an average of 3 to 6 hours a day! As a parent and a teacher, that sounds like too much to me.

Mr Shaw

Yr12 EES Engineering Team Success

The Year 12 EES engineering team completed their 8 month project on Wednesday 27th June with the Celebration and Assessment day at the University of Bath, impressing the assessment panel. They produced a fantastic model and report and have done the sixth form proud with all the work they have put in.

The team was working on improving the efficiency of ticketing and entrance to the station. The model they made was fully functional and demonstrated the solution well. As well as this the team produced a full engineering report, detailing all aspects of the project.

Well done to the team consisting of Dominic Ward, Max Storer, Joseph Brickell.



Jazz on the Green are back!!

The team behind last year's Jazz on the Green are back with "Groove on the Green" which will be an outdoor charity concert in aid of the Sheldon School Library Fund and Wiltshire Mind. There's music from Jamiroquai to Elton John, Fleetwood Mac to Supertramp to Stevie Wonder; a truly diverse range of music. The band have been working all year to create this year's must see Summer outdoor concert, so you won't want to miss it! Bring a picnic for dinner and you can bring alcohol with you. Food will also be available to purchase at this event. There's a raffle with brilliant prizes from companies such as Waterstones, Morrisons, Marks and Spencer, Sainsbury's, The Angel Hotel and many more!

Make sure you get your tickets to avoid disappointment!

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM FINANCE OR ON PARENTPAY:

Adults (16+) - £5

Kids - £3

Family (2 adults and 2 kids) - £15

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you at this event.

Toby Shiraizian, Year 13



Bronze Qualifying Expedition

The year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze participants completed their final expedition last weekend. They were looking to apply everything they learned from their practice in their 2 day, one night trip. The conditions were tough with blistering heat and heavy packs to carry. The students walked in groups, and had to cook their own evening meal being completely self-sufficient. They now need to do a presentation to complete this section of the award. Most of the students have also completed their Skills, Physical and Volunteering sections and will be presented with their awards at the start of the new academic year.