

# Sheldon Standard

## Year 7 Camp

Last week, Sheldon year 7 Pupils embarked on the Year 7 Camp. Now in it's 24th year, the Camp didn't disappoint. The left side of the year went off on Monday morning and returned on Tuesday afternoon. As well as spending a windy night under canvas, they engaged in a number of activities including The Cranham Walk, orienteering/ traverse climbing, rifle shooting/archery, problem solving and an obstacle course. Emily Draper from 7NXS said "It was very fun and I made lots of friends. I really enjoyed the Cranham Walk". Logan Hartwell from the same tutor group added "It was a good experience to camp for the first time. I made lots of new friends. I really enjoyed the shooting." The students were well supported by a number of Year 11 Prefects and Sixth Formers who were invaluable in ensuring that the Year 7s were fed, watered and feeling settled and happy.

The right side of the year followed the same programme on the Wednesday and Thursday and showed a huge amount of resilience and character in some difficult weather conditions. They were an absolute credit to themselves and the school. Sam Dunmow of 7TPR said "The activities were really fun. I particularly enjoyed the camp fire when everybody performed to each other around the fire."

It was great to see the Year 7s grow in confidence over the course of the two camps. They have returned to school with big smiles on their faces.

*Mr Rumble, Head of Year 7*



## e-safety - Youtube - Part 2

Here are a few more great tips for Youtube management:

1. Create a profile if your child is under the age of 13. Keep the account password to yourself so that your child can't change the settings.
2. Turn on Restricted Mode to prevent your child seeing restricted content, including restricted ads.
3. Turn on 'Take a Break' mode. Have a conversation with your child and agree on a time limit.
4. Don't forget, the settings are 'per device'. So if your child is using multiple devices to watch YouTube then you'll have to sign in and change the settings on each device.
5. Show them how to use the 'Not Interested' function and the Report (flag) function. Again, depending on their age, you may want to agree that if they need to report a video they do it with you.
6. Keep an eye on the channels and videos they are watching. Periodically have a look through whilst also checking their watch history and search history. This is just to satisfy yourself that they aren't seeing anything you don't agree with.

*Mr Shaw*

## Adventures in North Wales!

Before the summer holidays eleven students who had taken part in the Ten Tors challenge embarked on a new adventure. We set off for North Wales at 5.00 am and our first challenge was to climb Snowdon. This is the tallest mountain in Wales and stands at an impressive 1085m. When we reached the top we were expecting an amazing view however the mountain was surrounded by fog! After a long and well deserved rest we set off for our second walk, this gave us our first experience of scrambling, which we all really enjoyed. A day in the cloud of the Carneddau finished with more scrambling and a walk along a ridge line, which had the best view of where we had walked and the next days walk. On Saturday we climbed Tryfan and I think I can safely say that this was the most exciting and enjoyable day for everyone, it involved four hours of scrambling over rocks and up gullies, something we never really got to experience on Dartmoor! We reached the summit and some of us jumped between Adam and Eve, two large stones standing precipitously at the edge of the summit. Our last day was more relaxing but still plenty of scrambling our way up Moel Siabod.

We would all like to say a huge thank you to Mr Page, Mrs Goldsmith and Mrs Teague for organising and leading this trip, it gave us all the opportunity to try something new and exciting.

*Emily Whitham, Year 12*

# HEAD-ITORIAL

The good start to the year has continued and, if anything, the term has picked up pace. We have had Open Evening – my seventh here – and a great occasion on which our students and staff are able to showcase everything that is on offer (well as much as you can in two-and-a-half hours). In addition, we have had scores of visitors over the week touring the site as they make decisions about which secondary school to send their children to for September 2019; these will continue until October half term when final choices will be made. I am always very happy to take prospective (and current) parents round, as it enables me another opportunity to see the exciting learning that's taking place, appreciate the great facilities and to enjoy the positive feedback from people who have never visited before as they take in the special atmosphere of Sheldon. Contributing to this is a wealth of extra-curricular activities, some of which you can get a taste of by visiting the school Twitter page: in just the last week, you will see snippets from Bletchley code breaking, Year 7 Camp, girls' football in Year 7 and the GCSE Art Exhibition. You'll also see tremendous successes from two of last year's sixth form girls in the fashion industry and receiving national recognition in food. Seeing achievements and sheer enjoyment through whatever the students are doing is a real pleasure and privilege in this job – and as the year goes on, I look forward to seeing much, much more.

*Neil Spurdell, Headteacher*

## SHELDON SCHOOL LIBRARY FUNDRAISER- POSTCARD AUCTION

### The new Sheldon School Library

We are raising money to help fund the refurbishment of our school library. We are Wiltshire's largest comprehensive and are keen to renovate and refurbish the space to make it much more modern and a better fit-for-purpose library and information centre for our pupils and staff. We have an excellent record of charitable fundraising and have raised tens of thousands of pounds over the years for causes and charities ranging from Wiltshire Mind to Children in Need and Sport Relief. By supporting this cause close to home, we aim to improve the learning experience of all learners and staff at Sheldon School for many years to come.

The Sheldon School Postcard Auction is a fundraising auction to raise money for our new library and learning space.

We are auctioning original postcard-sized artworks by celebrities, artists, writers, notable people in our local community and further afield.

The Sheldon School Postcard Auction is an opportunity to get your hands on an original work of art and support our whole school library refurbishment project, with all funds raised going directly to the new library fund.

### BUY A POSTCARD

The auction will be held at the Autumn Fundraising Ball at Sheldon School on 20th October 2018. So far, we have been fortunate enough and are very grateful to have been donated postcards, artworks and signed photographs from a wide range of people. Our donors include: Dame Judi Dench, Frank Skinner, Alan Bennett, Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards, Julia Donaldson (author of 'The Gruffalo' and many more children's favourites), Gervase Phinn, Jack Whitehall, Eddie Redmayne, Bill Bailey, Stephen Fry, Peter Brown (renowned Bath artist), Maisie Williams, as well as an original postcard artwork by artists Gilbert and George.

Especially noteworthy is an incredibly exciting donation from British artist (of Angel of The North notoriety), Antony Gormley. He has personally donated an original framed artwork in support of our library fundraising. We are delighted to have received such a prestigious piece and look forward to its sale too!

Keep an eye on local press and Sheldon School social media/website for more information.

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## THE DRUMMOND EDUCATION AWARD : A LEVEL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

### Food Technology Winner

Sheldon School student, Emily Alice Kirkman is the winner of this year's British Nutrition Foundation's Drummond Education Award for A-level Design & Technology: Food Technology for the AQA Awarding Organisation. The award is given to GCSE and A Level students to promote interest in, and awareness of, good practice in food and nutrition and to recognise and reward the achievements of outstanding students and their teachers in this subject area.

The Award consists of a certificate presented on the 20th November in a ceremony in London, a £100 prize for Emily



*Mr Finch, Emily and Mr Spurdell*

and a £200 prize for the school. It is hoped that the awards will inspire some of the winners to pursue a career in food and nutrition.

Emily said, "I am extremely delighted to have received recognition for my work in an area I'm particularly passionate about. I thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the A Level course and am looking forward to furthering my knowledge of Food Science and Nutrition at University."

Mr James Finch her food technology teacher remarked "we are all so pleased that Emily has won an award that reflects her commitment to the subject over the past four years. It is very satisfying to see what our future Food students can aspire to in their future studies."

### Music News

Emma Williams in Year 13 passed her bassoon diploma exam in the summer. This means she has the right to put the letters DipABRSM after her name. She also performed at the Proms in London with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain.

Well done Emma!