

Principal's Column



A new year has meant some new faces around the academy and this week I'm going to introduce them to you.

Two new faces joined us at the end of the academic year to get a bit of a head start on meeting their classes: Miss Aghanenu has joined the Maths team and Mr Horton has joined the Science team. Some of our students had already met Mr Horton as he completed one of his training placements with us last year, and we were delighted that he was able to join our science team permanently.

The remaining new team joined us for our training days in early September and I'm pleased to report that they are already settling well into life at Shenley.

So who are they?

Ms Smith:	Assistant Principal: Maths. Miss Smith replaces Mr Manners as our new Assistant Principal for maths and numeracy across the academy.
Mr Abbas:	Science teacher
Miss Quinney:	English teacher
Miss Anthony:	English teacher
Mrs Tyler:	English teacher
Miss Channer:	Maths teacher
Miss Moran:	Dance teacher
Mrs Figg:	Inclusion Team

Miss Quinney, Miss Anthony and Miss Channer join us from the Teach First programme. This is a nationally recognised training programme for highly qualified graduates who want to make a contribution to the teaching profession. If you would like to know more about the programme which they are following then please visit: <https://www.teachfirst.org.uk/what-we-do>. In essence by becoming a partner school Shenley has the opportunity to recruit great teachers to our team, but also access a huge range of additional resources to support our young people in achieving their goals.

Exciting additions to our highly qualified and skilful team of teachers and support staff and I know that you will all join us in welcoming them to the school when you meet them at parent review meetings and parent/carers consultation evenings.

In other news about staffing I am pleased to be able to confirm that from 01 January 2018 our fantastic team of cleaners will no longer be working as contract cleaners in the school, hired through Citiserve, but will transfer to being directly employed by us. Why is this important to tell you? We are a family of staff here at Shenley, committed to giving our students the best experience, and our cleaning team play an important part in maintaining our beautiful building to such a high standard for us all. By being fully employed by the academy we hope that they will feel even more part of our family.

With best wishes
Lucy Monk, Principal



Literacy across the curriculum... What are we doing at Shenley?

At Shenley Academy, all teachers are teachers of literacy! Literacy is the key skills of reading, writing and oral communication. It's not only in English lessons where students need good literacy skills; the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar also accounts for 5% of overall marks in GCSE geography, history and religious studies. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development tell us that, "Adults with good literacy skills are much more likely to be in work than those with lower levels of literacy: 83% compared to 55%. Without strong literacy skills, a young person's life chances are severely diminished; their employability, health, confidence and happiness are all compromised." **We can see how important good literacy is so what is Shenley Academy doing to help our students develop their literacy skills?**

DEAR

DEAR stands for "Drop Everything And Read". Every day, students in years 7, 8 and 9 will read their library book for at least 20 minutes. Reading helps students expand their vocabulary; they learn new words. These words will soon make their way into students' everyday vocabulary. Being articulate and well-spoken is a great result of a reading programme that any teacher would be proud of. It could even help in a student's future career, as those who are well-read, well-spoken and knowledgeable on a variety of topics tend to do better, career wise. Furthermore, exposure to published, well-written books has a noted effect on students' own writing because observing the writing styles of other authors will positively influence their own writing. **Ask your child what they are reading; have a chat about what they are reading.**

This year will also see the introduction of some reading challenges which our LRC Manager, Mr Lartey, will be introducing; this will encourage our students to read even more including books they may not always have chosen in the past.

FORMAT MATTERS

This half term, we are really encouraging our students to speak properly. We are doing this through a technique called FORMAT MATTERS; possibly, you could help us with this too... The THREE non-negotiables of FORMAT MATTERS are:

1. Complete Sentence Format (making sure students use full sentences when they speak or respond to someone)
2. Grammatical Format (using 'good' English)
3. Audible Format (we can hear what students say; they are not muttering)

Thank you for reading and I'll update you further at the end of this term.

Mrs Bennett
Assistant Principal

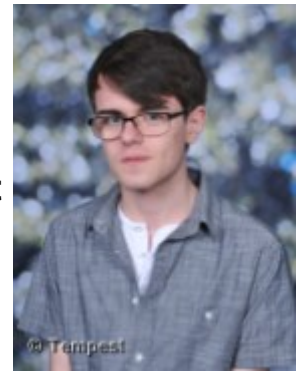


-Format Matters-

"The complete sentence is the battering ram that knocks down the door to college."

Luke is a leading light for Shenley students!

Congratulations to sixth form student, Luke Warrener. As well as achieving a fantastic set of GCSE results in the summer, Luke also managed to maintain 100% attendance and for five consecutive years! This is a standard that Luke has maintained since primary school and a record that he is really keen to see through to the end of year 13. Luke is a fantastic role model for excellent attendance and a tremendous asset to the school community.



Autumn attendance competition

Win a £50 ASDA voucher for your family just in time for Christmas!



Following the success of the summer attendance prize draw Shenley Academy are delighted to confirm an exciting competition for the autumn term. The Academy will be giving away a £50 ASDA voucher on Friday 22nd December to one lucky family just in time for the Christmas holidays! All students need to do to qualify for the competition prize draw is maintain 100% attendance during the autumn term.



Illious Jones wins the summer term attendance competition and scoops a £50 ASDA shopping voucher for his family!

School attendance is crucial to academic success, and the Academy continues to encourage all students to maintain excellent attendance and punctuality. During the summer term we advertised an attendance competition for all students with a fantastic prize of a £50 supermarket voucher. To qualify for the prize draw students needed to maintain 100% attendance for the summer term. We can confirm that Illious Jones (Year 10) of Venus College is the lucky recipient of the £50 ASDA shopping voucher! Illious has an exemplary record of attendance and has not missed a day of school since starting at Shenley Academy. Congratulations Illious!

Look out for more exciting attendance prize draws and competitions over the coming weeks of the autumn term.

Mr Jennings



Why is attendance such a big deal?



TRUE - A student with 100% attendance is nearly three times more likely to achieve an excellent set of grades (with English and Maths) than someone with 85% attendance.

Attending school makes a **BIG** difference, and will positively impact on your future choices!

TRUE – There are 175 non school days in a year! That is an incredible amount of time to spend on family time, holidays, shopping, household jobs and appointments.



Nearly 48% of the days in the year are non school days. It would be ridiculous to miss school without good reason.

What does my attendance look like?

Attendance * = school target	Approximate days missed by the end of the year
100%	0
99%	2
98%	4
97%	6
96%*	8
95%	10 (two school weeks)
94%	12
93%	14
92%	16 (over three school weeks)
91%	18
90%	20 (an entire school month)
85%	29 (an entire half term)
80%	38 (nearly 8 school weeks)

GOOD NEWS – By being in school you are increasing your overall attendance record and giving yourself the very best chance of building for a successful future.

**DAYS OFF
COST
GOOD
GRADES**



Time missed from school has a huge impact upon attainment. The Academy attendance target is 97% for the 2017/18 academic year. Please support the Academy by maintaining high expectations of school attendance, this is proven to make a real difference in the academic progress of young people.

London 2017

World Athletics Championship success for ex-Shenley student

We were all proud to see the wonderful performances of ex-student David Lima who qualified for and competed in the 100m and 200m for Portugal at this year's World Athletics Championships held in London. This was very much a 'home championships' for David as he attended Shenley for all of his secondary education. He is coached by Linford Christie and is a member of Birmingham Running and Triathlon Club.

In the 100m David ran a time of 10.41 seconds in the first round, missing out by 0.17s on making the semi-finals. David's favoured event is the 200m and he ran fantastically well in the 1st round to qualify for the semi-finals in a time of 20.54 seconds. In the semi-finals David was certainly the underdog in a race that was stacked full of nine World class athletes. David ran an excellent race finishing in 4th place with a time of 20.56 seconds and beating some athletes who were tipped for medals.

David has been in communication with the PE team and said 'I hope that I am a positive reflection of where life can take you when you apply yourself. I am proud of everything that has made me the man I am today, including my time at Shenley.'

Massive congratulations David!

Physical Education & Health faculty

PROVISIONAL PE FACULTY EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

(September 18th – October 20th)



Monday

Year 7 – 11 Girls netball

Year 7 – 10 Boys football

Additional football, netball and basketball fixtures will often take place on this day



Tuesday

Year 7 - 11 Girls Football

Additional football, netball and basketball fixtures will often take place on this day

ALL AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS
WILL FINISH AT
APPROXIMATELY 4.15pm

Wednesday

Morning Fitness Club 7:50am – 8.15am

Year 7 – 11 boys and girls table tennis*

Additional sports fixtures will occasionally take place on this day

* club starts on Wednesday 4th October 2017

Students selected for school teams will receive team sheets informing them of approximate finishing times of fixtures.

Thursday

Morning Fitness Club 7:50am – 8:15am

Additional football, netball and basketball fixtures will often take place on this day



Friday

Year 7 – 13 After school Fitness Club

Year 8 – 11 boys and girls basketball

See additional flyers for dates of the cross country and football inter-college tournaments.



COMING SOON!
Curriculum Booklets
Year 7 & Year 8

Next week look out for the curriculum booklets which can be found on the Shenley website, by clicking on the Curriculum tab.

These booklets support all students by listing the key words related to the topics the students will be covering in the Autumn term. Support your child by explaining the meanings of any unknown words or by helping them to read the more difficult vocabulary.

The booklets are updated and issued every term and give everyone an insight as to what is coming up!



Drama

Key Words



Drama
Year 8
Autumn Term 2016/17

Rachel's Story

- Research into and learn about the effects of bullying.
- Work as a group to create a piece of documentary drama.
- To use physical and abstract theatre to make a performance interesting for your audience.
- Be able to perform in a serious subject matter.
- Respond effectively to performances.

Hot seating	Marking the Moment
Narration	Role play
Protagonist	Cross-cutting
Physical Theatre	Atmosphere
Abstract Drama	Tempo-rhythm
Tension	Documentary

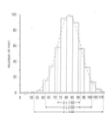
Can you learn to read and spell these keywords?



Commedia Dell'Arte

- Understand the genre of Commedia dell' arte.
- Use mask and movement confidently
- Understand and demonstrate the term slapstick
- Develop the confidence required for performance.
- Demonstrate how meaning can be communicated through exaggerated movement.

Exaggeration	Slapstick
Mime	Mask
Brighella	Stock
Zanni	Gesture
Columbina	Improvisation
Il Dottore	Rule of 3
Clocking the audience	Status



MATHEMATICS

Autumn Term 2017/18

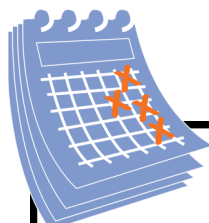


Year 7 - Unit 1: Addition and Subtraction

Key Words	Meaning in mathematics
Addition	
Subtraction	
Sum	
Difference	
Evaluate	
Estimate	
Approximate	
Operation	
Interpret	
Integer	

Key Words	Meaning in mathematics
Fraction	
Decimal	
Order	
Positive	
Negative	
Data	
Rounding	
Range	
Median	
Perimeter	

Each table has some key words for two of this term's topics. Learn the spellings and research their meanings. Write the meanings in the spaces provided.



Diary Dates 2017 Autumn Term 1

Tuesday 26th September 2017:
Year 11 Parental Information Evening 6pm—7pm

Tuesday 10th October 2017:
Class of 2017 Academic Awards Evening (Y7&8)
6pm—6.45pm, (Y9 & 10) 7pm— 7.45pm

Friday 20th October 2017:
End of Term 3pm

Monday 30th October 2017:
Students return to school 8.35am

Week Beg:
Monday 25th September 2017
Will Be:
Week Two
On the Academy Timetable.
Theme for Assemblies/ Form
Is:
European Day of Languages
DEAR
Period 2

