

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 28th November is an important date for all Y11 pupils and their parents and carers. Why? It's the date we host our parent/carer consultation evening. The following week all pupils will start their first set of mock exams in the most important year of their schooling to date. The parent/carer consultation evening has been planned to make sure that we are able to give you all the top tips for success for those exams, and of course the real ones which will start in May next year.

To tempt you to join us we are offering you a free GCSE Maths revision guide if you attend the evening. We know just how important GCSE English and maths are for all of our students (a reminder that any student who doesn't achieve a grade 4 or better next June will need to resit their GCSE in English or maths throughout their 6th form, college or training years up to the age of 18), and so we want to make sure that you have every tool you need to be able to get that all important grade 4 or better the first-time round. As you sign in you will be able to collect your free revision guide – which will be the right text book for the level of GCSE entry which we believe will suit you best.

Also available on the evening will be advice and guidance from our Careers Advisor. All pupils will receive a one to one interview during the course of the year, but if you would like to know more about the process of applying for 6th form, college, apprenticeships or training then you can have your questions answered there and then on Tuesday evening. No appointment is necessary to see our Careers Advisor – just turn up and she will help. The world of post-16 education has changed enormously over the last few years, not least the expectation that all pupils will remain in some form of training until they are 18, and so it's important that you have all of the information which you need to make the right choices.

And we are excited to share with you that our 6th Form Open Evening will be held on **Tuesday 12th December 2017**. Pupils are invited to attend to find out more information about the courses which are on offer based at Shenley or through our partnership with King Edwards VI Five Ways (KEFW). Pupils will be able to learn more about the vocational offer at Shenley, whilst appreciating some of the A level courses which they will be able to access at KEFW. We hope to see you all there... and don't think that you have to be in Y11 to attend. It's important for all of our pupils to know where they are headed – so whether you are already in Y11 or headed that way – come along and find out more about our high performing, small and personalised 6th form on **Tuesday 12th December**.

With best wishes

Lucy Monk
Headteacher

Year 9 Immersion Day

The theme of year nine's first Immersion day is Health and Well-Being. Students will look at a range of important issues, including online safety, knife crime, drugs awareness and healthy eating.

Year nine always approach these days with maturity and we are always impressed by the depth of their thinking. As always, there is lots of space for group work, creativity, discussion and sharing opinions. With the range of themes and activities, students get a great experience throughout the day and enjoy the opportunity to look at themes that are really relevant to their lives.

Year 9 students will wear full uniform We look forward to working with all of the year 9 students on the day.

Mr Wood, Head of Saturn College

Year 10 Immersion Day

Wednesday 29th November hosts the first of our whole school immersion days. As year 10 lead on immersion day, I would like to share my excitement of what promises to be an incredibly valuable and worthwhile day for all year 10 students. The day will include sessions that consider different aspects of 'life after Shenley'. We are pleased to confirm that once again we have volunteers from our business partner, KPMG, working with us to deliver one to one mock interviews with all students. This is a privileged opportunity and one that we hope all students will make the most of. In preparation for this, we would encourage students to research how to prepare for an interview scenario, and if they wish to, they can also bring in their CV for advice and feedback on how to improve. In addition to this interview, students will be working on their personal statement, thinking about time management and logistics, considering different career salaries and how to budget for their futures. Our day will also include a workshop about identifying and managing stress and maintaining a healthy mind. I am sure you will agree that all of these sessions are instrumental in preparing our young people for their future, and I therefore hope to see every student present and making the most of these fantastic opportunities.

Thank you in advance for your support. Year 10 students will wear full uniform.

Ms Pownall, Head of Mercury College

Year 11 Immersion Day

Year 11 will be completing a day taking part in team activities, where they have to solve problems in groups, looking at healthy lifestyles, current affairs and citizenship. Students will also be looking at how to manage a budget, future careers and start planning for their individual journeys. There will be a range of interactive fun activities to complete, as well as having the vital opportunity to attend revision sessions. Students will look at exam skills and most importantly will have time to hone their revision ready for the summer examinations. Year 11 students will wear full uniform.

Mrs Baker, Head of Neptune College

Year 7 Dance Competition



For the Nutcracker unit that Year 7's are studying in dance, we would like you to design your own "Sweetie" character and enter it in to our competition! There will be prizes for the winner and runner up prizes!



You can present it as a drawing, print out or you can even make your Sweetie character!



You might want to include...

- Costume design
- What movements would you associate with your character?

Closing date : Monday
15th December

**Bring your character to the
Performing Arts Office**

Last Thursday, over 40 students from year 9 and 10 were selected by their Head of College to attend the National Skills show at the NEC Birmingham. The Skills Show is the nation's largest skills, apprenticeship and careers event and allows youngsters to have face to face business engagement, whilst having the opportunity to explore future pathways, and gain a greater understanding of their future options, including information about apprenticeships and careers in a range of industry sectors, including construction and logistics, engineering and technology, health and hospitality, digital and business, creative and design.

Students who attended were given the opportunity to try a range of hands-on related skills across a huge range of careers. This included TV production, 3D modelling, virtual reality, CPR, crime scene investigation and many more. Students also had the opportunity to receive impartial one-to-one guidance on career routes and jobs from expert careers advisors. In addition, there were spotlight talks from employers that attend the event who include Toyota, NHS, HS2, Royal Mail, Airbus, IBM, Barclays, The Royal Navy, The Army, and BAE systems to name a few.



The feedback from the students was incredibly positive, and all of them seemed to really enjoy the day. Our students conducted themselves very professionally and were allowed to explore the event in small groups. All of our young people represented the academy impeccably and this is a visit that we hope to make an annual event.

Look out for the Skills Show this time next year, tickets are free and the event also runs across a weekend so get involved!





Calling all Shenley Academy parents/carers!
Are you interested in becoming more involved in the life of our academy?
Then becoming an Academy Ambassador could be the role for you!

Q. What are Academy Ambassadors?

A. Academy Ambassadors are volunteers who give some of their time to the academy to work with staff and students to continue to improve our academy for all.

Q. What sort of work does it involve?

A. Academy Ambassadors have 4 key roles in the academy:

- **Celebration:** to help to make sure that celebration of staff, students and parents remains a priority for each academy, and to find the best way to do this.
- **Communication:** to work with staff, students and parents to make sure that the academy effectively communicates to all stakeholders, so that everyone feels part of academy life and has the opportunity to access information and events.
- **Concerns or complaints:** to act as an independent local point of contact for staff, students and parents to express their concerns. Academy Ambassadors will signpost people to the right channels for dealing with their issues and will ensure that any concerns or complaints are fed back to the AAG. Where any trends emerge, the Academy Ambassadors work with the Principal and other ambassadors to help find solutions. Academy Ambassadors will also always form the majority of members on any appeals panels.
- **Community:** making sure that the students maximise on local opportunities by finding ways to keep the academy at the heart of the community and acting as a key link between the two. To really help the academy to explore what it can do to make the school a hub of community services.

Q. How much time do you need to give to the role?

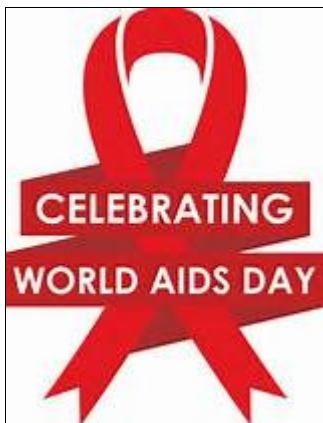
A. There are 5 after school meetings this academic year, including an afternoon in June. All meetings take place on Wednesday afternoons from 5pm to 7pm.

In addition you will receive invitations to the half termly raising attainment board (RAB) meetings which take place in the academy with members of the E-ACT Head Office team. You will also need to have some training so that we support you to carry out the role as effectively as possible.

You don't need to attend every RAB meeting, but you should try and be available for at least one meeting each academic year as part of the role of ambassador.

Q. I'm interested! How do I find out more about the role?

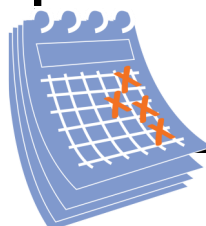
A. Speak to reception staff and ask for Mrs Maguire – the PA to the Principal and she will arrange for you to meet with Mrs Monk and Mr Banton (the Chair of the Ambassador group) to discuss the role in more detail.



Week Beg:
Monday 27th November 2017
Will Be:
Week Two
On the Academy Timetable.
Theme for Assemblies/ Form
Is:
World Aids Day
DEAR
Period 5

Diary Dates Autumn 2

Tuesday 28th November 2017:
'Mop Up' photographs
Tuesday 28th November 2017:
4.30– 7pm Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 29th November 2017:
Immersion Day 1
Monday 4th December :
**Year 11 Internal Exams Start—until
12th December 2017**
Wednesday 6th December 2017:
**Year 8 Residential Meeting (details to
be confirmed)**
Friday 15th December
2017:
Xmas Jumper Day



Photographs

Any student who has not already had their school photograph taken, there is a 'mop up' session on Tuesday 28th November 2017
Thank You

Immersion Day 1 Wednesday 29th November 2017

Year 7 full PE kit
Year 8 Full PE kit
Year 9 Full Uniform
Year 10 Full Uniform
Year 11 Full Uniform