

### Headteacher Column

This newsletter is being written just as we welcome back the Ski Trip from their annual trip to the slopes. They've been keeping us updated throughout their week away and judging by the photos they've had a great adventure. The recruitment for the 2019 trip will start immediately on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, as we like to make sure that you have as much time to pay for the trip as possible. Cost for 2019 is likely to be around £750 per pupil. Pupils and staff travel together with other schools from across Birmingham, and we work to make sure that we get the best value price for all of the families who send pupils. We appreciate that it's not a cheap trip – but by spreading the cost we hope that this makes it more affordable for more of you. Pupils will bring home details this forthcoming week and please do consider sending your son/daughter – it's an amazing experience in a beautiful location and represents very good value for money.

The ski trip is just one of the many extra-curricular activities which we offer our pupils. Next week we will be enjoying the Dance Fusion Show on Wednesday and Thursday. Again – if you haven't bought your tickets already I would thoroughly recommend you snap them up on Monday or Tuesday (if there are any left!). The show is always of a high professional standard and is the culmination of many months of work – early in the morning and late after school for a huge number of pupils. Whether you are coming to support friends or family in the show it will certainly be an evening to remember.

Pupils from across the school played host to pupils from years 1 and 2 from local primary schools this week. It was a chance for our young sports leaders to really shine, and I was very proud to see them leading younger pupils through their first sporting steps in our sports hall. Every single sports leader conducted themselves in a professional manner. Encouraging, coaxing, supporting and modelling great sportsmanship for our younger pupils, and the feedback from our partner primary schools was fantastic. A huge well done to all of the Shenley Sports Leaders taking part in this event – you represented yourselves and our community outstandingly well.

Next week we will finally be waving 'good bye' to Mrs Wiggan as our Head of Music. I wrote to you before Christmas to let you know that she is leaving us to join West Midlands Police. She has remained with us for the last month to make sure that Miss Bonner, our new Head of Music, has had a good induction into musical life here at Shenley. Ever the consummate professional Mrs Wiggan has also been dotting the 'i's and crossing the 'T's to make sure that our Y11 BTEC Music students achieve the very best results this summer. Mrs Wiggan's influence in the Music Department will live on into the future. There are so many past and present pupils who have picked up musical instruments for the first time because she encouraged them to do so, and has worked tirelessly to make sure that no pupil has had to pay for music lessons in KS3. This is a rare curriculum offer in schools these days, and is one which I am committed to continuing in an increasingly difficult financial picture for schools. Mrs Wiggan has established instrumental groups, choirs, the orchestra and made sure that the musical element of our bi-annual musicals is always of an incredibly high standard. Thank you – from all of us for all that you have achieved whilst you have been with us at Shenley. We know that West Midlands Police are lucky to have you!

Finally from me, we would like to hear from you about how you think we are doing. We are part of E-ACT multi academy trust, and as one of 25 schools we are currently carrying out an annual parent/carer survey. It doesn't take long to complete, but helps us to know what you think we are doing well, and where we need to improve. Please click here to access the survey, or if you would prefer a paper copy please let us know and we will send one home with your son or daughter:

[Parent/Carer Survey 2018](#) (Ctrl and click txt)

The survey will close on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February so please do take the time next week to let us know how you think we are doing!

With best wishes,  
Lucy Monk  
Headteacher

PS: A final well done from me to our Y11's. They have all started on Period 6 revision classes this week and we have had 100% commitment from all students to the classes. Well done – if you carry on working as you have this week we know that you will 'ace' the exams when they start in May!



# DANCE Fusion

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January & Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018  
7pm**

**Tickets on sale Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January in reception at  
break time**

**£4 adults      £3 children**



**Featuring Sara  
Macqueen (31<sup>st</sup>) and  
RDC Youth (1<sup>st</sup>) with a  
world premiere of their  
signature piece for  
2018 "WALL"**

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DC  
YOUTH**



### Prosecution of parents/carers, Education Act 1996 Section 444

***We are required to publish the results of the cases heard at Birmingham Magistrates Court on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.***

**Shenley parents receive £851 fine for non-attendance of their child.**

### Prosecution of parents/carers, Education Act 1996 Section 444

At Victoria Law Court on the 1 December 2017, after hearing the circumstances of the case the Magistrates imposed a fine of £660, costs of £125 and a victim surcharge of £66; a total of **£851**. **This fine was issued due to persistent unauthorised absence from school.**

**Persistent absence from education leads to a £730 fine for family of Shenley Academy student.**

### Prosecution of parents/carers, Education Act 1996 Section 444

At Victoria Law Court on the 1 December 2017, after hearing the circumstances of the case the Magistrates imposed a fine of £550, costs of £125 and a victim surcharge of £55; a total of **£730**. **This fine was issued due to the repeated failure of the student to attend school without valid reason.**

**£140 fine issued to parent of Shenley Academy student who repeatedly failed to attend school.**

### Prosecution of parents/carers, Education Act 1996 Section 444

At Victoria Law Court on the 1 December 2017, after hearing the circumstances of the case the Magistrates imposed a fine of £60, costs of £50 and a victim surcharge of £30; a total of **£140**. **The financial penalty was issued due to persistent absence from school.**

**Education matters and unnecessary time off school will affect students' progress and attainment. We expect parents of all of our students to ensure that they attend regularly and on time unless there are genuine reasons for their absence. We may ask for medical evidence if we have concerns about regular absence.**

Mr M Jennings  
Assistant Principal

# Janu-ready and Febru-raring to go!

## You asked and we listened!

Following a exciting autumn term in which over one thousand pounds worth of prizes were awarded for excellent attendance, we are pleased to announce that we will be giving away a **£20 JD Sports voucher** to one lucky winner. As always, **attendance is the winner**, to be within a chance of winning you simply need to maintain 100% attendance during the first half of the spring term!

There will be more prizes announced over the next few weeks so stay tuned and remember that **your best ability is availability!**



Week Beg:  
Monday 29th January 2018  
Will Be:  
**Week One**  
On the Academy Timetable.  
Theme for Assemblies/ Form  
**Be Kind to Yourself**  
Is:  
DEAR  
**Period 2**



## Spring Term Diary Dates

### **Tuesday 30th January 2018:**

Year 10 Parents' Evening (Please ensure appointments are made)

### **Tuesday 30th January 2018– 9.30am—12.30pm :**

Parent Course on Autism

### **Wednesday 31st January 2018:**

Dance Fusion

### **Thursday 1st February 2018:**

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### **Wednesday 7th February 2018:**

Year 9 HPV Injections

### **Wednesday 7th February 2018 -4.30pm—7pm:**

AAG Meeting

### **Thursday 15th February 2018:**

Academy Closes for Half Term 3pm

### **Friday 16th February 2018:**

E-ACT Regional Training Day  
(students not in school)

### **Monday 26th February 2018:**

Academy re-opens Spring 2 Term– 8.35am