



# Headteacher Column



Today we have joined the national memorial for those who died one year ago on 14th June 2017 in the Grenfell Tower fire. We have stopped the school day at 12pm to reflect on the lasting impact that the fire has had on families, friends and the community in West London around the Grenfell Tower. Why spend time reflecting on this in Birmingham? Because we want to show our young people that taking time to reflect, to remember, to quietly contemplate loss of life is an important of coming to terms with all that life has to challenge us with.

The lives of our young people are more challenging today than ever before. Our job in schools is not just to ensure that they leave with 8 or more GCSEs, including English and maths, but to support them to be able to resilient enough to deal with unexpected challenges and events in their lives. To support them to be able to show kindness and generosity towards those who need it. To quietly and humbly support other members of both our own community and across the UK.

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Memorials marked yesterday, 14th June, with a display of green – green for Grenfell. Why green? Well the name 'Grenfell' is derived from green fields, which of course was what there would once have been in the part of London where Grenfell Tower was built, and the remains of Grenfell still stand today. At 54 minutes past midnight on 14th June 2018 Grenfell Tower, and other landmarks across London were lit up in green light. A silent march took place yesterday following a memorial service at St Helen's Church, close to Grenfell itself. Our one minute of silence today was a small gesture from us, to show Shenley respect for those who died, and for those whose lives have been turned upside down and are still to this day living in temporary accommodation as they try and come to terms with a tragedy that could and should have been avoided.

To continue the theme of school being more than academic lessons I want to highlight the events which will take place in school over the forthcoming weeks as we head to the end of the academic year. We will have our final Immersion Day, trips to Drayton Manor Park CBSO residential rehearsals and performances, a residential for our new Student Leadership Team in Wales, Sports Day, College Celebration and Reward Assemblies, numerous Aim Higher events including trips to external venues, as well as workshops in school, and of course we will be supporting our trust-wide events: the E-ACT National Pupil Celebration and the Midlands Region Sports Day. All of these are days when you might consider that it is not going to matter if your son/ daughter doesn't attend school. But, as I've already said: school is more than just simply academic preparation for the rest of their lives; it is also about taking part or as Saturn College students know: 'knowing your part and playing your part'. No matter how great or small your contribution to any one of these events, being part of the event will be a truly memorable experience, and once which you may well remember long after you have forgotten how to use Pythagoras' theorem! Please do make sure that you send your sons and daughters into school to take part in these fantastic events. Building memories, being part of the Shenley community is an important part of what we do here - and we want each of our young people to be a committed member of that community.

With best wishes,

Lucy Monk Headteacher

### Safeguarding Information

Recently published research has found that children are being sexual abused online by offenders who coerce, groom or blackmail them. Although this is not a new phenomenon, the age of the children was particularly striking. Almost all the children abused in this way were under 13, nearly 30% were under 10. The children were in their own homes when this abuse took place, often in their bedroom or bathroom, using live streaming technology. In many cases, the children seemed to be unaware that recordings were being made of these live streams, which are then uploaded elsewhere.

Live streaming is a popular feature of lots apps and platforms. By understanding the risks of live streaming, we can help children stay safe when they are online. ThinkUKnow has produced a guide to help parents/carers understand why live-streaming is so popular, and how to keep children safe.

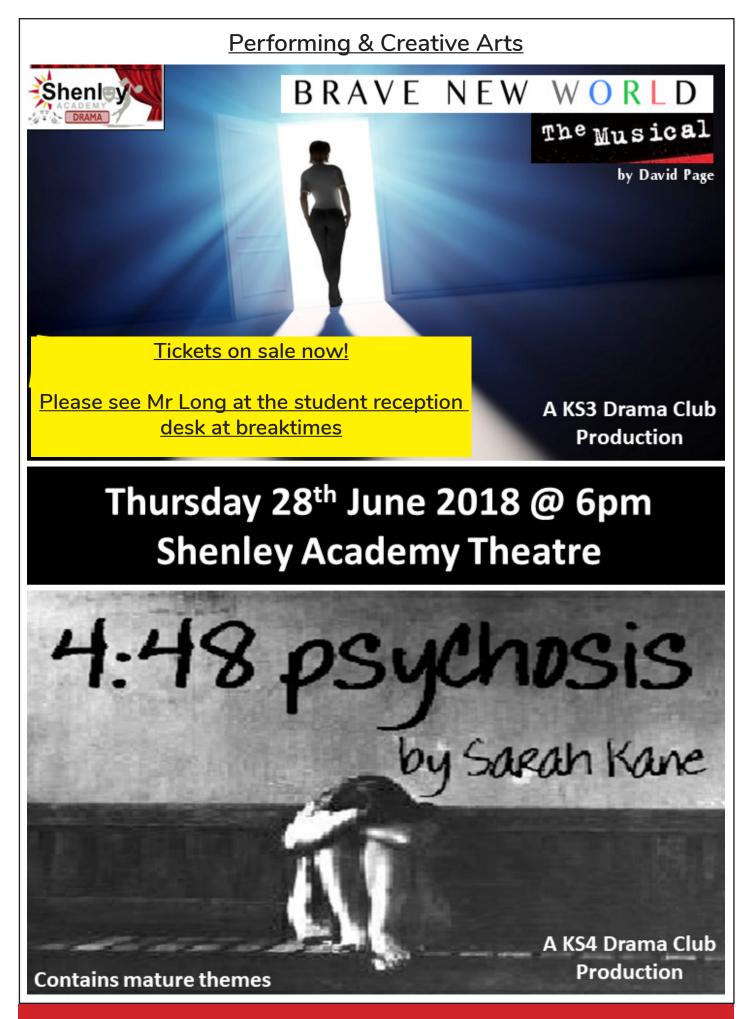
You can find the article here: <u>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/live-</u> <u>streaming-responding-to-the-risks/</u>

# **Attendance Information**

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.



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# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

In line with the introduction of new legislation (the General Data Protection Regulation), we are contacting pupils and parents / carers to ensure we have the proper consent to hold any biometric data in compliance with the updated legal requirements.

#### The deadline has now passed for you to return your biometric consent form.

Until you return the completed consent form, your child will not be able to allocate funds to their meal account in school and if you wish for them to continue to purchase food from the school canteen, you will need to use ParentPay to top up your account.

Should you wish to reactivate your account you will need to bring a signed consent form to Mr Long (a copy can be downloaded via the link below).

For those of you who haven't yet activated your ParentPay account, please email <u>ilong@shenleyacademy.org.uk</u> for your ParentPay username and password.

**E-ACT Biometric Consent Form and Information Notice** 





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A free apprenticeship extravaganza for young people, schools, colleges and parents in Birmingham and Solihull, arranged by the UCB, Birmingham City Council and Birmingham and Solihull Training Provider Network, in collaboration with the Post 16 Forum, will be taking place on:

#### <u>Tuesday 26th June 2018 from 2pm – 6.30pm</u> <u>Venue: UCB, McIntyre House, 2 Holland Street, Birmingham, B3 1PW</u>

Come along and meet apprenticeship training providers, employers and universities across all sectors, offering training from Level 1 to degree level. Over 30 exhibitors are expected.

- Real-time live opportunities and vacancies for young people to apply for
- Workshop for young people including tips and advice on how to apply, write a winning application and prepare for interviews
- Seminars on higher and degree apprenticeships
- Forums for teachers and CEIAG leaders in schools and colleges exploring apprenticeship pathways
- Key information for parents, guardians and young people.

Schools and colleges are strongly encouraged to bring groups of young people between 2pm-4pm as part of their CEIAG programme. Careers advisers, careers leads and teachers are encouraged to attend the workshops as a CPD and learning activity.

YEI Providers and Intervention Workers may also attend with young people

To book your place and to find out further details visit the Eventbrite link below.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeships-all-areas-tickets-46771832811?aff =ebdssbdestsearch



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#### Eligibilty Criteria

All students are eligible for the end of half term reward events **and** end of term Drayton Manor trips **regardless of previous negative logs or lower attendance**.

Students have had their negative logs re-set back to 0 and their attendance will be for this term.

You will need, over the next 6 weeks, **less than 10 negative logs** to have the opportunity to access the reward trip.

You will have a greater opportunity to join the trip, the lower your negative log count is and the higher your attendance, and positive log counts are.





Monday 18th June 2018	3.30 - 5.30	Primary Super 4's Athletics Competition
Tuesday 19th June 2018	3.45 - 5.30pm	Secondary Summer Games Softball Competition
Wednesday 20th June 2018	All Day	CBSO Orchestra and Choir Rehearsals
Thursday 21st June 2018	All Day	Birmingham School Games City Final
Friday 22nd June 2018	All Day	PaperBirds Devising Workshops
Friday 22nd June 2018	All Day	CBSO Performance at the CBSO Centre

Please check the website for the full exams timetable: <u>http://shenleyacademy.e-act.org.uk/useful-info/examination-information/</u>