

NEWSLETTER

Arena attack

PLEASE NOTE:

The newsletter was written before the horrific and tragic events in Manchester on Monday night. Our next newsletter will include information about how we are responding as a college. I am sure all parents and guardians will join me in sending our prayers to all those affected by the attack. We can only imagine the trauma and upset everyone who was there on the night experienced and our thoughts are with them.

Praise for Shuttleworth's 'reading culture'



Shuttleworth College won praise from the inspectors at a monitoring inspection as the school moves towards a 'good' grading. Shuttleworth has made massive strides in the last three years since Head Teacher Ruth England has taken charge. The report praised the leadership of Mrs England and her Senior Leadership team. The report stated: "Leaders are committed to their vision to make sure that the school is judged 'good' at its next inspection. They have demonstrated drive and tenacity in tackling the areas requiring improvement identified at the previous inspection." It continued: "A whole-school focus on developing pupils' literacy skills has brought about a transformational change in the school leading to a culture of reading. Pupils talked enthusiastically about the support they receive to help them to improve their reading. As a result, they are developing a love of reading and they now read a wider range of books than was

available at the time of the previous inspection." The inspectors also acknowledged that students now have higher ambitions with the school recently having an 'Industry Day' where students visited six of Burnley's businesses as well as having speakers such as AMS Neve owner Mark Crabtree and national journalist Kerry-Anne Mendoza in school. "In response to the previous inspection, you have driven a whole-school focus on improving aspirations. Teachers make sure that the most able pupils are taught the skills they need to be successful at the highest grades in their GCSEs. You carefully match pupils to the right curriculum pathway for them, such as making sure that the most able pupils have the opportunity to be entered for three separate sciences. As a result of this work, more Year 11 pupils than in the past are indicated to be 'on track' to attain five or more top grades in their GCSE examinations."

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Shuttleworth on the right road to success



Students at Shuttleworth College are not getting on their bikes but getting off them as they take them apart as part of a pilot scheme. The school are appealing for old bikes to be dropped off so that 38 Year 9 students can take part in a new project called the Secondary Engineer Bicycle Club. Shuttleworth are the only school in UK to try out the project and, if it is a success, it will be introduced nationwide.

The idea is to engage with students with the practical activity of taking the bikes apart and putting them back together again, experiencing innovation and entrepreneurial opportunities and also the wellbeing and satisfaction of engaging with mechanical objects. "It all happened after Mark Crabtree from AMS Neve came into school to talk about his career and he started talking to one of our students Ayden Ward who tinkers with bikes in his spare time," said Ms Walsh, Curriculum Leader for Business and Technologies. "Secondary Engineering Bicycle

Club got in touch with us about their pilot project and we were only too happy to take part.

"The students will be exploring deconstructing and reconstructing bikes, thinking about engineering, working as teams and being creative."

As part of this, the students visited BCW Engineering in Burnley to learn about engineering and make them think more seriously about the different careers on offer, especially in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects.

"It was a real eye-opener for many of the students and got them thinking about their futures," said Pastoral Leader and Head of Year 9 Ms Pugh. "They were inspired by the work carried out there and learnt about how apprenticeships work.

"Many students now see engineering as their future careers and are keen to knuckle down in school to aim for that."

Well done to all!



Attendance

First Day of Contact New Procedures

Please can you contact 'Attendance' when your child is absent from College before 9.30am.

If you fail to make contact, then we will try and call all named contacts on your child's record.

Following that, a home visit will be made to ascertain the reason for any absence.

If your child is going to be off for more than one day, then please advise us so that we can mark their register accordingly. Please ensure that contact details are up-to-date. Please be aware that we no longer send Truancy Call to advise you of your child's absence.

Year 9 and 10 Attendance

Well done to our Year 10s who achieved 100% attendance last week during their mock exams - they all received a chocolate treat in form for their dedication to their exams.

Our Year 9s almost achieved 100% attendance during their mock exams so well done also to them. It shows that our students are committed to their education and will hopefully gain GCSE exam results to match their commitment and hard work.

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Congratulations to Brandon Lonsdale who was part of the Burnley Town Team Under 14 squad which won the Lancashire Cup final on Wednesday night. Brandon, who is in Accrington Stanley's Academy, has been suffering from a shoulder injury but was part of the successful Burnley squad.

Shuttleworth's generous students deserve a round of applause for raising money for two deserving causes. For their Christmas non-uniform day, the students raised over £300 and have given £165 to Pendleside Hospice and £165 to Padiham's Hayley's Hugs. These were the choice of the student council.

Quartet impress in STEM Challenge

It all added up to success for four Shuttleworth College students who came second in a tough STEM Challenge.

The event was held at Westholme School and required Year 10 students to test themselves in five different challenges encompassing Science, Engineering, Technology and Maths. Millie Barron, Caitlin Welsh, Keiron Tighe and Jake Whittaker

came second overall, finishing higher than schools such as Kirkham Grammar School, Walton-le-Dale, Blessed Trinity and Westholme.

"The four of them worked really well as a team and their hard work paid off with a very respectable second place," said Maths teacher Mr Myers.

Shuttleworth earns praise from OFSTED

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Attendance was also praised in the report.

"Attendance continues to improve and is 'on track' to be similar to the national average. Fewer pupils are persistently absent, including pupils who are disadvantaged or who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. Pupils told me that in the past they did not have the necessary motivation to attend school regularly. However, with the additional support provided for them through meeting together as an 'attendance group' or having their own mentor, they can see the difference

this is making. They understand the importance of attending school regularly and say that their school work has improved as a result. "

The school was praised for using external support such as the local authority and Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic College.

"We are thrilled that inspectors have acknowledged the huge amount of progress made here at Shuttleworth," said Mrs England. "I am so proud of the ongoing hard work and commitment of staff and students alike. We are a good school and look forward to showing this formally when inspectors return early next year for a full inspection."

Mentors are helping students thrive

Shuttleworth College has been praised for 'a culture of reading' and the students admit they are loving books!

In the recent interim Ofsted report it praised the transformation in literacy and that students 'are developing a love of reading' and 'they now read a wider range of books.'

Year 7 students Brogen Bleasdale and Kobe Barrett have backed this. Both, under teacher Miss Morrison, take part in the Reading Leaders Scheme where Year 10 students mentor the younger ones as an extra-curricular activity.

"We read every Monday and then play spelling games every Wednesday," said Kobe, whose reading age has gone up 10 months in the last three months thanks to this scheme.



"We get points and prizes if we do well and it's really rewarding," said Brogen.

"My reading age has gone up a whole year in three months. It also helps us settle into school as the Year 10s are helpful."

Other students who have excelled include Gabriella Lambert, whose reading age has gone up over two years in the three months in the college's Accelerated Reader Programme scheme while Ross McWhinnie and Katie Walsh have

progressed one year and seven months.

"Accelerated Reader is a programme we run with all Year 7 and 8 students to encourage their enthusiasm for reading, develop reading stamina and to improve their reading ages," said Lead Practitioner in English and Literacy Ms Roach.

"We have seen significant improvements this academic year which have been recognised in our recent OFSTED visit."

Sponsor Mr Stubbs for 10k

PE teacher Mr Stubbs will be running the Asda Foundation Burnley 10k on Sunday 4th June in support of Pendleside Hospice.

If anyone would like to sponsor Mr Stubbs for this important charity, forms are available in the PE office and the main staff room.

Liverpool call-up for Miles

Fantastic news for Year 9 student Miles Preston who has received an offer from Liverpool FC Academy Team. More details to follow in our next newsletter.

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers,

I can't believe we are almost at the end of our fifth half term! The examination season is well and truly up and running and our Year 11s have made a fantastic start to their GCSEs, they have really been working hard.

As you have read in the newsletter, our students have been working with STEM again. The bike project is sure to be a great experience for our young people. I am also very proud of our four Year 10 STEM competition runners-up. They came second out of 22 schools from across Lancashire, what a fantastic achievement!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Summer Showcase on Thursday. What an array of talent! It was a lovely evening and congratulations to all the staff and students involved in such a fantastic event.

Finally if you are a parent or relative of one of our Year 10 aspiring prefects can I encourage you to get them to complete their community tasks with you, family or friends. They should be working to do 'good deeds' outside of school, logging them and getting them signed off on a training day on the 13th June.



We will then be choosing the important positions of our Head Boy and Girl soon afterwards.

Yours sincerely
Ruth England, Headteacher

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