

NEWSLETTER

Y10/11 boys are cross country champions



Our Year 10 and 11 boys were crowned Burnley Cross Country Champions after competing at Towneley Park.

The stand-out performers were Brandon Lonsdale who came second, Charlie Trickett who finished fifth and Jake Whittaker who raced home to sixth place.

They will represent the town at the Lancashire Cross Country Competition.

In the younger age groups, Amy Wilkinson finished second in the Year 7 girls and will represent Burnley while, in the Year 7 boys, George Standen (fourth) and Junior Pennington (sixth) will run for their town.

In the Year 8 and 9 boys event, Logan Cain finished fifth and Jacob Routh was seventh while in the girls competition, Hannah Eccles raced home to third spot, Bethany Wheatcroft was fifth and Holly Martin seventh.

“All our runners competed strongly in tough



conditions,” said PE teacher Mr Stubbs. “We have some good athletes at Shuttleworth College and we are delighted they will have the chance to represent their town.”

We are pioneers on bike project



Our talented students have been turning old bicycles into tables, clocks and new bicycles as part of a pilot scheme they have just completed.

Old bikes were brought into school as 38 students, then in Year 9, took part in a new project called the Primary Engineer Bicycle Club and the Secondary Engineer Bicycle Club.

"The pupils upcycled old bikes and other existing products to give them a new function or purpose," said Design and Technology teacher Ms Hughes.

"Some of the bikes were restored and given full maintenance and safety checks and are suitable for use as bicycles again.

"The project not only taught pupils about materials and joining techniques, they also learnt about sustainability as well. They were introduced to mechanisms through lessons about the gears and how they work as well as being encouraged to work as teams and being creative."

The project may now be introduced nationwide after it was successful at Shuttleworth.



Archery, swings and plenty of mud!

Our Year 7 students certainly tested themselves in an activity weekend at Winmarleigh. They got involved in raft building, zip lining, archery, problem solving, orienteering and they all had a go on the giant swing as well.

"We all had a huge mud fight on the Saturday morning which was my personal highlight," said Mr Turner.

"It was amazing to see the children away from their mobile phones and tablets, just generally having fun in the great outdoors!"

Focus on English



We are incredibly proud that the English results are improving year after year at Shuttleworth College.

Grading

This year the grading system changed on English and maths with a Grade 9 now the highest mark available.

Only 2% of students in the country reached this standard.

More than half of our students gained a 5+ in English – this is equivalent to an old B grade.

This year, 66% of students gained a 4 or above in English which is comparable with schools locally and nationally.

The number of students gaining the highest grades, 7-9 (A/A*), has tripled.

Drop Everything And Read!

Year 7 and 8 students are using their Accelerated Reader books to read for 15 minutes at the start of one lesson per day as their teachers read too! It is proving popular and there is a lovely atmosphere in lessons.

New faces

There are some keen new faces in the English department, as we welcome Rose Harding, who has previously been working at Alder Grange, alongside PGCE students Vikki Hudson and Helen Calam who will be with us for part of the academic year. We are also thrilled to have Merrill Jenkins returning from maternity leave, and we wish Melissa Derbyshire good luck as she leaves to begin hers.



Ten secure place on engineering programme

A number of our students have taken the next step to becoming engineers of the future after they were selected for a prestigious programme.

The Themis and Burnley College Young Engineers programme is now in its second year.

The unique 12 week programme, which started this month and is every Monday after school, is aimed at providing young people with the experience they need to begin a career in engineering.

Successful applicants will gain outstanding experience from top local employers, including WEC, Safran Nacelles (Formerly Aircelle), Hycrome, Paradigm Precision, RLC Callender, T & R Precision, SACO Specialist Anodising, The Senator Group and Fort Vale. Members of the programme will also complete a STEM CREST award, perfect for their record of achievement. Ten of our students have been selected - the largest number we have had involved - so a huge congratulations to: Miles Archibald-Wright, Dylan Bailey, Jack Farnworth, Courtney Hefford, Dylan Lord, Bradley Middleton, Lucas Middleton, Jack Robinson, Bethani Swift and Kieron Tighe.

Hat-trick for Morgan

Well done to former student Morgan Crowther, who left last year, after he scored a hat-trick for Coventry in the FA Youth Cup.

Striker Morgan has signed a scholarship with Coventry City and they played Accrington Stanley in the second round of the FA Youth Cup.

In front of family and friends at Accrington, Morgan scored all Coventry's goals in the 3-2 win.

Morgan's team will face Aston Villa in the third round.

Medals for Cora



Cora Fifield has a house full of medals won through her gymnastic heroics.

Cora trains at the Best Centre and brought a host of medals and trophies into school which she has won in the last year.

“I have been a gymnast since I was four,” said Cora, 14. “My grandma took me along to St Peter’s Centre and I just loved it. I go to the Best Centre and enter competitions most weekends. I think my biggest win so far has been a four piece event (floor, vault, beam and bar) at the City of Preston Gymnastics Club but I hope to take part in national competitions next year. “I just really enjoy the moves in gymnastics and I am fully committed to it.”

Cora takes part in all events but her favourite discipline is the vault. “I have a fast run up and I have a lot of power in my legs so I enjoy the vault. I train around four hours a week. I want to carry on doing it as long as I can and see where it takes me.”

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers,

The first two weeks of this half-term have been action packed. Our new Year 7s had a great weekend at Winmarleigh. Staff were still defrosting on Monday!

I wanted to take the opportunity to share some information with you about one of our young people and some fundraising we will be embarking upon.

Many of you will be aware that we have a young lady, Bethany Barry, who has been battling nasopharyngeal carcinoma for the last two years.

Bethany has been amazingly resilient over this time and has done everything she can to keep up with her studies despite spending weeks being treated, including going to America last year.

Bethany is still undergoing regular treatment and is balancing this with preparing for her GCSEs this summer.

Throughout the past two years, Bethany has not wanted a fuss to be made or any special treatment. However her family and school have decided she really does deserve something special after her exams.

We are therefore going to be setting up events to

fundraise for Bethany and her family to pay for a trip to Disneyland next summer.

We will be organising a number of events over the coming months with the first activity on non-uniform day at the end of term on Friday 22nd December. All monies raised that day will go towards the trip.

I will include all details of this in my end of term letter. Students will be encouraged to do fundraising activities that day as form groups.

I know many of you will have first hand experience of dealing with the horrors of cancer, either personally or with a family member or friend.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any ideas for fundraising or you would like to get involved in raising money for Bethany. All help is appreciated by Bethany’s family and the school.

Finally good luck to Year 11 who begin their mock examinations on Monday and Year 10 parents, don’t forget Parents’ Evening from 4.30pm on Thursday 30th November.

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