

NEWSLETTER

Liberty is a Big Hit!



Year 9 student Liberty, 14, who plays a Lowerhouse CC, won the Under 13 Player of the Year award at a recent award ceremony at Old Trafford and has been selected for the prestigious Thunder Development Programme. She also won a special prize at Lancashire Cricket Board's presentation night, an award for the outstanding performance by an Under 13, after taking five wickets for 10 runs against Yorkshire.

"I have had a good season, I have played a few Under 15 games for my county as well Under 13 matches and I am proud to be on the Thunder Development Programme, which is part of the England pathway," said Liberty. "It's a very difficult programme to get on to, so to get on it in my first year of trialling I was really happy."

Liberty has stormed onto the Lancashire scene, she was the leading wicket taker in all of the counties at Under 13 level last season and the second leading run scorer. She celebrated her first century when she was 11 and holds the record for the most runs in all the counties for an Under 11 with 400.

All this has led to her catching the eye of England coaches and she has already been to national training session at Loughborough.

"It was a specialist session for off-spin bowlers which I was invited to attend after England scouts watched some of our county games," said Liberty. "My aim is to play for England. I watched the women lift the World Cup recently and that has inspired me."





Y11 Awards

It was trophies all-round as our Class of 2017 returned to celebrate the school's best ever GCSE results at their Awards Evening.

"It was lovely to see everyone return to Shuttleworth and catch up with their progress since leaving," said Headteacher Mrs England. This year group had to cope with a new exam syllabus and grading as well as new study sessions which we introduced in school, our period six, which meant they worked six additional hours a week preparing for the exams.



"They showed dedication and will now be appreciating the impact all their hard work has had as they have made their next step into college, apprenticeships or sixth form."

Last year's Head Girl Sophie Edwards (pictured right with the Mayor of Padiham) admitted she was surprised to collect the major trophy of the night, The Student of the Year, for embodying the core values of Shuttleworth College and working consistently hard during her five years at the school.

"I couldn't believe I won Student of the Year, I was shocked," said Sophie, who is studying A-Levels at Burnley College as she strives to become a doctor. I am proud of my achievements here and delighted to pick up three trophies and a number of certificates."

#LiterallyChristmas

Our whole school 'culture of reading' was praised by Ofsted earlier this year, and our passion for literacy continues unabated. Each day our KS3 students have 15 minutes of 'Drop Everything and Read' time and staff continue to promote a love of reading.

Our latest library display has a range of festive themed books available for students to borrow. Can we please encourage you to take pictures of your child reading over the festive period, please then email these in to admin@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk. There will be prizes for the most creative reading location and festive outfits!



Olivia is jumping for joy!

Olivia Noonan is jumping for joy after winning a prestigious gymnastics competition. The 13-year-old recently attended the Warrington Winter Wonderland competition and came first in the vault and second on the floor meaning she won first prize over the two disciplines for girls aged 12 and over in Lancashire.

"I started gymnastics as my friends did it and I took to it straight away," said Olivia. My favourite event is the beam but I take part in the vault, floor and bar. My next big competition, which includes all four disciplines, is the City of Preston event in March, which is a huge competition in Lancashire."

Olivia has won a number of trophies and medals over the years and also takes part in Cheer Dance at school. PE teacher Mrs Pemberton said: "Olivia is very talented and always gives 110 per cent in everything she does in school. She has also choreographed our Year Eight Cheer Dance performance."

Lucy Leyland won the award for Best Overall Female Exam Results, after achieving a 9 in English Literature – putting her in the top one per cent in the country – and an 8 in maths, alongside three A*s and a host of other strong results.

Thomas Ashworth also went home laden with trophies, including the Best Overall Male Exam Results after he celebrated five A*s, four As and a C in August. Tom is now studying at Thomas Whitham as he looks to a career in dentistry.

Kelsey Hewitt also collected a multitude of awards, including music, French and maths, and is now studying A-Levels at Clitheroe Royal Grammar School.



Student Sound-bites



I have always been passionate about drama and Shuttleworth has helped me to achieve my best and I am proud of how I have progressed.

As head girl I ensure that the prefect team are proud role models for all of the others students.

Emily Greenall, Head Girl

NCC STEM Competition

Engineering Because is a design and technology focused engineering event, held at Nelson and Colne College to challenge year 8 to 12 students for the day.

Our three teams made up from year 9 and 10 GCSE Design and Technology students took the competition in their stride; designing a hand-held grabber to pick up a range of objects from a container a meter away.



The teams had to overcome a range of challenges, and showed great persevering using a range of teamwork, problem solving and design skills to create design solutions. It was a great event for the students to develop their communication and team working skills, as well as experience how complex engineering is used to create solutions to a problem in everyday life. They were proud role models of the school, and came up with some great solutions to the problem from giant tweezers to jointed mini cranes.

Last Christmas...

...we were overwhelmed with the generosity of our students, as we collected a classroom full of food to donate to the local foodbank. Our collection this year will run from the 1st to the 18th December and will support elderly members of our community. We are asking Shuttleworth families to support this appeal in any way that they can by donating non-perishable food items. Donations have been collected in forms and coordinated by Miss Boucher.

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Have you seen our twitter feed? This gives us the opportunity to share news and updates quickly. Our students of the week and award winners are shared regularly, alongside trips, events and anything else happening in school.



That Friday Feeling

With so many talented students at Shuttleworth, Miss Pennington, Associate Assistant Head, has introduced Friday lunchtime showcases, where any student, and potentially staff in the future, can showcase their musical prowess.

There are drums, guitars, keyboards and microphones available for students to make use of, and our technician is on hand to help them out with any technical queries.

Miss Pennington said "With the sheer number of talented students we have, our annual show and showcases are not sufficient to do them justice. Friday lunchtimes are a perfect opportunity for our students to develop their resilience in performing to the school community.

The reception has been fantastic, the performances and audience thoroughly enjoy it and it feels like there's a rock concert at lunchtime."

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this newsletter does not find you in too much of a pre-Christmas frenzy of shopping, decorating the house and writing cards!

It has been a fantastic term here at Shuttleworth with some wonderful work going on over the past 4 months. We have had year 8 and year 10 parents' evenings this term and it has been lovely to have so many families in school meeting staff. The feedback from staff and parents from these evenings has been amazing. It is so heartening to see teachers and families working so positively together and so many happy children.

We look forward to seeing our year 11 parents on the 18th January for their final parents' evening.

Please remember we are back in college on Tuesday 9th January. Have a wonderful Christmas and all the very best for 2018.

Ruth England, Headteacher

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