

# NEWSLETTER

## Avengers, Eat Your Hearts Out!



Infinity War might be in the cinemas, but here at Shuttlesworth we have our own team of heroes - Homework Heroes!

Our Homework Heroes are Shuttlesworth's team of Year 7s who are passionate about helping children in local primary schools. They give up their own time after school every single week to go out to nearby primaries and help in the running of after-school clubs for children from Year 2 up to Year 6. These clubs include sports; arts and crafts; and standard homework clubs, where our heroes lend a hand with everything from wordsearches to SATs revision. Sophie, pictured over the page with two of the children she works with, helps out at a golfing club - no pun intended! Like many of our homework heroes, she visits her own former school, mentoring children whom she relates to very strongly, having been in their position herself only last year.

This initiative; organised by Year 7 Pastoral Leader, Mr. Turner; helps children experience a much smoother and less stressful transition into secondary school, which, as parents and students alike will know, is often a very scary time. At Shuttlesworth, our transition programme; which includes enrichment, Year 5 taster days and the fabulous transition week; is second to none and we are very proud of our Homework Heroes for contributing to their local community and being so caring as to give up their time to help younger children.



*Sophie, one of our Homework Heroes, with Phoebe and Freya of St. Leonard's Primary School*



Come along to our showcase!

Tickets are available from the Music Office and the Drama Office. Alternatively, you can purchase tickets through Mr. Davidson, our Music & Performing Arts Technician, via his email: [wdavidson@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:w davidson@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk)

Tickets are a steal at £1 per child, £2 per adult or a family ticket for just £5!

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## Resounding Rugby Success!

Earlier in May, seven girls from Year 7 & 8 had great success at a Touch Rugby event held at Burnley Rugby Club. The Shuttleworth team beat every other team from a Burnley school, coming in at the top of the table for their area! They then went on to compete against schools from Pendle and Rossendale, against whom they came third overall out of twelve schools, taking the bronze medal.



“These girls are a shining example of what students can accomplish through teamwork and perseverance,” says Mrs. Pemberton, the girls’ PE teacher, “with hard work; they’ve really started to achieve what they’re capable of. They did themselves and Shuttleworth proud.”

The team is going on to represent Burnley in the East Lancashire games on the 3rd of July and we wish them the best of luck in their endeavours.



# Budding Businesspeople!

Over the past year, many of our Year 11 students have chosen to join our ground-breaking Business Mentoring scheme.

The programme pairs each Year 11 with a mentor from a local business who works with them to develop their unique skills and qualities to increase their employability, foster their creativity and improve on their business sense. The young people involved in the programme are thoroughly enjoying their first taste of the business world.

All of the students who took part in the programme felt that the experience had built their confidence substantially, saying “it has made me more organised and prepared me for the world of work”. The pupils felt they had especially benefited from interacting with their mentor as a colleague, saying the scheme had “given me the confidence to speak to people in a professional context”. This is key as, along with giving our young people the business skills necessary for working in a professional environment, we are also helping them to develop the ‘people skills’ that are essential in the world of work. One said that “whenever I needed my mentor, he was there” and this extra support at one of the most important stages of a child’s education is another of the highlights of the programme. Amongst the many other benefits of the initiative, the pupils told us that they had found their mentors’ advice and time management tips particularly valuable.

But it isn’t just the pupils who have benefitted from the programme; all of the business mentors and their companies have responded very positively and have produced outstanding results in their work with our students. The businesses involved are all members of the Burnley Bondholders scheme, which aims to improve the quality of life in, and the reputation of, the local community. Their social media campaigns are gaining online prominence through the hashtag #BrilliantBurnley as they aim to show the world all the wonderful things going on in our area. Through this initiative, both the individual students and the school as a whole have been privileged enough to work with such organisations as PM&M Accountants, Creative Talent Management Ltd, and Forbes Solicitors.

Due to the overwhelmingly positive feedback, we are currently liaising with several local businesses with a view to running the programme again in the next academic year. Our participating Year 11s are also encouraging Year 10s to sign up for the scheme, saying “it is a really good experience” and “definitely get a mentor if you can”.

The initiative has been a resounding success for both the mentors and mentees, and with it being described as “the most useful experience I have had in my school career”, we have no doubt that all our young businessmen and women will go on to achieve great things.

But why take our word for it? Hear it from a mentor below:

*“As an employee of a company which is a committed and active member of the Burnley Bondholder programme, as well as a parent of two children at Shuttleworth College, the opportunity to support the collaboration between the college and the bondholders in the form of a mentoring project was something I simply could not turn down.*

*In my role as an independent financial adviser with a strong business development focus, I am a firm believer in metaphorically flying the flag of the firm I work for and myself in equal measure. The result of this is that I am well connected in the local business community and so to be allocated a Year 11 student who is academically strong but also looking to build profile to differentiate himself from his peers was something I felt entirely suited to help him achieve.*

*Over a number of weeks we have worked together and developed the concept of being ‘interested and interesting’ by building a professional twitter account for him and connecting with the local business community, including some of the biggest marketing agencies, employers and their HR directors in the region. We have considered charity projects he could involve himself in which have led to detailed discussions on altruism, philanthropy, and corporate social responsibility. I have been able to provide hints and tips on time-planning and emphasise the importance of maintaining his creative side as well as the principle of enjoying and being engaged in whatever comes next. With regards to what comes next we have also worked together in discussing further education opportunities and alternate pathways to follow.*

*In short, I feel the mentoring programme has given me as a mentor just as much, if not more, than it has given my mentee. I know that from conversations with other mentors, including one of my own colleagues, they would echo this sentiment. Well done, Shuttleworth College, and well done, Burnley Bondholders – this is why the hashtag #BrilliantBurnley continues to gain momentum.”*

-Neil Welsh, of PM&M Accountants, on mentoring Head Boy, Lewis Naylor.



Picture credit to: <http://burnley.co.uk/business/about-the-bondholder-scheme/network-events/31st-january-2018/>

## Farewell, Student Council

That sad time of year has come around again and last Thursday we held the final Student Council meeting of this academic year. And, whilst some of our youngers members may return to their posts next year, our two eldest representatives, Year 10s Gabbrielle and Katie, are leaving the council for good. However, we know that they have not yet finished their services to our school, as they have both applied to be prefects in their final year! We would like to thank our 2017/2018 members for all that they have done for our school over the past twelve months.



Here at Shuttleworth, the Student Council, and whole Student Voice programme, are a key part of the student experience. It allows students to have a say in how their school is run so that they get an education tailored to their needs. We also believe that it is important to not only promote our school values of Achievement, Resilience, Perseverance, Community and Pride, but also British values in general and hope that the promotion of democracy and equality in the running of the school will inspire our student body. The election process also supports these ideals, with two students from each year being democratically elected from the form representatives to speak on behalf of their year group. This can be on any topic, but our student council has recently prompted positive change in lesson organisation; teaching; healthy food options; and gaining a greater range of extra-curricular activities, sparking the creation of a gymnastics club and book clubs. The teachers also greatly value the council; especially our Head, who presides over the meetings; as it gives them many insights into how they can improve the Shuttleworth experience for our students.

“Our student council is an organisation of eloquent, mature young people;” says Mr. Greenhalgh, history teacher and student leadership coordinator, “it builds their communication skills and confidence, and the students take great pride in making positive changes on behalf of their peers. They take their responsibilities very seriously and we are sure they will use the invaluable skills they have learnt as council members as a springboard to achieve in the future.”

## Message from the Head

Dear Families,

I can't believe we are already at the end of another half term!

It has been another action packed half term with lots going on in college. Our Year 11 students are now in full examination mode and are working incredibly hard. The students and staff will be working throughout half term to ensure everyone is fully prepared for the final slog in June. We will also be saying our official farewells to Year 11 as they finish their examinations. I know I speak for all the staff when I say they will truly be missed, they have been a fantastic year group.

As we return for the final half term of the year, please keep your eyes on our website/twitter as there are a lot of events coming up. Most notably, we have our two prize evenings in July which are a lovely way to share the successes and achievements of the year.

Let's hope we all get to enjoy a sunny bank holiday!

Yours sincerely

Ruth England



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