

NEWSLETTER

The Trip Of A Lifetime



Our sporty students had a smashing time on their school trip!

Over half-term, 62 Shuttleworth College students from Years 7 to 10 went on a week-long residential trip to the beautiful city of Barcelona. The lucky pupils spent two days having exclusive coaching with either West Ham United, for our young footballers, or England Netball, for our netball prodigies. These were followed by tournaments against both other UK schools and local teams, which produced outstanding results.

Our Under 15 Girl's Football team became the overall champions in their tournament, besting a local under 16s team who had never before lost a game, 5-4! The Under 13 Boy's Football team also came top in their league, with coaches noting fantastic improvements in their teamwork and sense of community. Ella Roberts, one of our Year 9 students, was also awarded a medal by England Netball in recognition of her phenomenal attitude and commitment.

All of the students persevered through the heat, becoming truly high achievers. As a reward, our staff had lots more planned, including trips to a waterpark, disco, Montjuic mountain, and even a guided tour around La Sagrada Familia! But the most exciting visit for our pupils was the tour of Nou Camp, home of Barcelona Football Club. Our young football fans were in awe to be stood in the largest football stadium in Europe that had hosted not one, but two Champions League games over the years,

especially so soon after their own successes.

It was a fantastic experience for all the students on the trip, improving their teamwork skills through the sport, in addition to the invaluable experiences of another language and culture. The young people formed friendships and achieved new heights, and we hope that the sense of community and pride that came with this trip of a lifetime will live long in the memories of our students.



Our tournament winning Under 15 Girls football team



Students on a visit to Nou Camp



Ella Roberts with her medal from England Netball

Our amazing netball team working hard

Singing Stars

Our talented school choir have impressed at a concert held in aid of Pendleside Hospice!

At the recent charity performance, our students sang alongside pupils from seven other schools to raise money for this wonderful organisation on its 30th anniversary. Pendleside Hospice does wonderful work caring for local people with life limiting illnesses, their families and carers. Care is provided free of charge by their in-patient unit, day service and outpatients, family support and hospice at home team. But all of this comes at a cost, and our young people are proud to have raised over £500 for the charity. The event was hosted in conjunction with Chant Productions, a musical education and events provider which our school has worked with several times in the past, who said of the concert; "it was a great pleasure for CHANT to see the enthusiasm and talent from the college to perform for such a wonderful cause". Held at Burley Mechanics, the sell-out show was a resounding success, with a full house turning out to support both the charity and our children's talent.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, feeling that it had dramatically increased their levels of self-confidence. "I was shaking; I was so scared," said one of the students, "but when I went on stage, energy surged through me and it made me want to sing more!" Our teachers, especially Mr. Olyott, music teacher and leader of the choir, felt that the students really achieved their best in the way that they persevered through their fear and overcame all the challenges in their way.

Our Year 8 choristers especially enjoyed the sense of togetherness and friendship involved in the event, saying "I thought the performance was amazing and I'm so proud of all my friends" and "it brought everyone together as friends, even students from different schools".

The older members also felt like they had gained a lot from the experience, with one of our Year 11 students saying, "it was nerve wracking at first, but once I got into the singing, I started to feel the music." "The little ones looked to us as the experienced singers," she continued, proud of being a role model to the children in the participating primary school choirs, "I loved every minute!"

"The performance went so well and it really boosted my confidence. It was a blast!"



Shuttleworth Students are in a Different Gear!

At the first ever Burnley Schools Duathlon event, Shuttleworth College raced to a fantastic overall victory at Barden Track. The team of three boys and three girls from Year 8 were fantastic on the night.

In the girls' individual event, Leah Tulloch came second in a very hard fought race with all competitors having to run 400 metres, cycle 1600 metres and then run another 400 metres – all in very warm conditions! In the boys' individual event,



George Plane stormed to victory. Although George led from the first 400m run, it was his cycling skills that made the difference and ended up winning very comfortably with an assured performance.

Next up was the decisive team event, again comprising of students each running 400m, cycling 1600m and running another 400m. Hannah Eccles got the team off to a great start, gaining a steady lead over Unity College, Blessed Trinity RCC and Sir John Thursby College. Hannah cycled

well but it was her running ability that helped Shuttleworth make such a good start. Nicole Tipping then coolly maintained this gap between the rest of the field with a determined performance. The two girls quite literally got the team off to a flying start. Harvey Farnworth continued with the third leg, again showing fantastic resilience and perseverance. He also extended Shuttleworth's lead which shows just how good his overall running and cycling performance was on the night. It was up to Rhys Marsden to anchor – and boy did he do it well! Rhys completed his first 400m run in a steady time but then exploded into life when on his bike – leaving all competitors in his wake. The performance by Rhys was so powerful that he actually lapped the student who was in second place overall, meaning Shuttleworth won the team event, and the competition as a whole, in style.

The team will now go on to represent Burnley Schools in the Lancashire Youth Games at Blackpool this summer. Well done and good luck, boys and girls!

Perfect Presentation

Recently, ten of our most able Year 10 students were privileged enough to go to a presentation given by respected journalist and political adviser, Alistair Campbell.

Campbell is most well-known for his work in politics, where he was a key figure in the Labour Party for many years, having acted as their director of communications and strategy, Downing Street press secretary, and even former Prime Minister Tony Blair's spokesman. However, he is also a TV presenter, the author of fourteen books and countless journalistic pieces, as well as an ambassador for the *Time to Change* mental health campaign. Our students listened attentively as he gave an account of how he climbed the political ladder, as well as exploring elements of his early life; his journalistic career; and the importance of mental health, with a particular focus on men's mental health, with he himself having suffered a breakdown in his twenties. The Year 10s found it fascinating to hear how a Yorkshire boy from humble beginnings had, through hard work and perseverance, risen to become such a prominent figure in politics.

His story has inspired many of our students to pursue their own political aspirations!



Faculty of the Fortnight: MATHS

Here at Shuttleworth, there's so many amazing things going on in every department that it's easy to forget; no matter whether you're a parent or carer, a student, or even a staff member; how much we're doing for our students.

So we're pioneering *Faculty of the Fortnight* to show you just how much every faculty is doing for the young people in their care. As you'll know if you've been following our Twitter, [@Shuttle_College](#), or liked our Facebook page, for the past two weeks it's been Mathematics! Here are some of the highlights:

With coaching from our amazing maths teachers, 20 of our top mathematics students from Years 7 & 8 took part in the annual UK Maths Challenge. These students were faced with 25 multiple choice questions which required the full use of their problem solving skills and careful application of their maths knowledge. We are extremely proud of their results, with Emily Colton, Isaac Lightbrown and Jacob Routh achieving silver awards, whilst Blake Yancy, Jonathan Nightingale, Faye Schofield and Tara Searle all claimed bronze awards.

The maths lessons themselves are also engaging and fun for our students. They regularly use our top-of-the-range interactive tablets in their lessons to practice a variety of skills using intuitive apps and websites.



We also specialise in problem solving at Key Stage 3, with teachers allocating specific lessons to special problem solving tasks. These tasks involve students applying knowledge from all areas of maths to solve the problems based on different topics each half term. Such topics not only let our students practice their maths skills, but also assist them in real life situations, as they have recently been on such areas as budgeting a day out, planning a holiday, and keeping fit and healthy. These word problems are especially useful for soothing students' nerves by preparing them for the kinds of word problems that come up in their end of unit tests, GCSE exams, as well as everyday life.

Preparation for everyday life is a huge focus for our maths department, who are committed to helping our students develop the skills necessary for a healthy and happy adult life. This week has been the *My Money Week* which aims to equip our Year 7 and 8 students with good money management skills. During this week, they have been focusing on the cost of living and exploring practical topics such as; finding the best mobile phone deal; financial risk in the real world, including scams and insurance; understanding and analysing the small print in contracts and finance agreements; and planning and budgeting based on case studies.



On top of all this, our maths teachers, in honour of our first faculty of the fortnight, have been running a competition both within school and on our twitter page [@Shuttle_College](#). Every day has posed a new maths puzzle for our students to tackle. Next Monday the pupil with the most correct answers will win a special prize!

Good news to share about your child? Promoting a community event? Get in touch with our marketing and communications team, by contacting Laura Nutter via lnutter@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk

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