

# NEWSLETTER

## All About Awards!



Our final newsletter of this academic year is all about awards! Here at Shuttleworth College, we believe that rewards, recognition, and praise are some of our most powerful tools that we can use to shape our young people into resilient achievers who will grow into happy and successful adults. We begin with our great success in the East Lancashire Education Awards! At the prestigious awards ceremony last Wednesday, our staff and students were delighted to accept not one, but *two* awards.

Mrs. Bacon, one of our Assistant Heads, organises all of the help that our students receive when planning their future careers, had her diligent efforts recognised when she was presented with the Career Aspiration Award for the second year in a row. This fantastic achievement really shows her dedication to ensuring that the children leaving our care have the best start towards their futures. Mrs. Hodges (top right), our school business manager, also received the Unsung Hero Award with all of her tireless work behind the scenes making Shuttleworth the school that it is.

We were also shortlisted for a number of other awards, with Year 8 student Dominic Howarth (bottom right) up for the Young Scientist/Engineer of the Year Award, making it our second nomination for that particular award in as many years. Lucy Thompson (bottom left), one of our Year 7 students, was also shortlisted for Secondary Pupil of the Year. Miss Boucher (top left), our fantastic Geography teacher and PSHE coordinator, was nominated for the

Inspirational Teaching award. Our students were very proud of her, praising her dedication and commitment to them. The school as a whole was also shortlisted for the Secondary School of the Year Award. All of the perseverance of staff and students is clearly paying off.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of all involved, and we hope for such success again next year. But the East Lancashire Education Awards aren't the only special awards being presented! Over the past few weeks, we've had our awards ceremonies for Years 7, 8, 9, & 10.

These awards cover not just academic excellence, but many other areas of school life including; achievement, engagement, & enthusiasm in various subjects; perfect attendance & punctuality; and being a true 'Shuttleworth Citizen'. Special Recognition awards were also given to students with outstanding achievements, either in school or out of school. Year 7 & 8 participants in the UK Maths Challenge also received awards, as well as one being presented for the Robotics Club. These were given out amongst musical performances by our talented students and presented by a selection of dignitaries, including the Mayor of Burnley, the Mayor & Mayoress of Padiham, school governors, and our very own Head Teacher.

Speaking of our Head, our Head Teacher awards have also been taking place in assemblies throughout the week. These awards not only celebrate excellence in each subject area, but five students in each year also receive an award corresponding to a school value. These awards are in the form of badges that our students proudly pin to their blazer lapels and are an outward symbol of their achievements and contributions to the community.





## Amazing Art Show

Shuttleworth College recently held its first GCSE exhibition, which celebrated the achievements of our 'Class of 2018' across Art, Craft & Design, Resistant Materials, Graphic Products, Textiles Technology, and Creative iMedia.

The work on show encompassed an expansive range of techniques & demonstrated the outstanding creativity, commitment & accomplishments of our Year 11 students across their GCSE courses. As staff we were humbled to see so many of our students returning with friends & family to show off their work.

The exhibition, which took over the school atrium, showcased a huge range of outcomes including two-dimensional work, creative & functional textiles, ceramic & sculptural work, art sketchbooks, board games, promotional band material, storage units, chess tables & digital graphic projects.

The variety and calibre of work on show was extremely impressive. A huge thank you to all that attended for making the evening such a success!

## Perfect Prefects

On Monday, our prefects travelled to Burnley College for their special training!

The handpicked Year 10 students who will become the face of our school next year had a great time, learning about their roles and getting to know each other through team-building activities. Along with using discussion and role-play to explore possible scenarios, they improved their leadership skills, self-esteem, and received essential safeguarding training so that they are confident in looking after younger pupils.

They also visited Burnley College gym for team-building games. They split into two teams and competed on tasks requiring both logic and strength - including a tyre stacking game! There was much laughter as they improved their communication skills throughout the day.



## Your Future, Your Choice

Throughout the final half-term, our Year 10 students have been busy becoming employment ready!

Our award-winning careers initiative, spearheaded by Assistant Head, Mrs. Bacon, centres around an Employability Conference called 'Your Future, Your Choice', because we believe that all young people should have every opportunity to reach their ideal future. This programme, which was called "well-planned... high quality careers advice and guidance" in our most recent Ofsted report, prepares our students to make informed decisions on the post-sixteen options available to them when they return for their final year at school in September.

The first step of the programme involved attending three further education taster days at different colleges. Fifty



students visited Thomas Whitham Sixth Form College where they got to try out a variety of lessons, which ranged from the familiar subjects of Maths, History, or French, to unfamiliar ones including Sociology, Business Studies, & Economics. The following day, a second group visited Accrington & Rossendale College for a more hands-on, vocational experience. Popular choices were Construction, Hair & Beauty, Mechanical Engineering, Public Services, and Military Academy. Finally, the whole year group attended to Nelson and Colne College. There, students

were able to choose from a range of vocational or A-level subjects or, if still unsure, they could combine the two.

The colleges all provided well-organised, interesting, and extremely useful experiences and we are very grateful for the multitude of options and opportunities our students received as a result.

However, this was just the starting point of their information journey as the following week was the 4th annual Employability Conference 'Your Future, Your Choice', in collaboration with Burnley College. As the name implies, it was a way of ensuring all Year 10 students could experience different workshops, activities, and employer



visits to broaden their horizons, get them employment ready and ensure they were in a position to make informed

decisions post-sixteen. Only by understanding all the options available can students make decisions that are right for them. We were based at Burnley College for the whole week, suspended the normal timetable and swapped school uniform in favour of business dress. Students explored interview preparation, mock interviews, presentations, researching companies, team building, and psychometric testing, with workshops run by both experts and current further education students.

During the following days, students went on industry visits to complete work shadowing, have a site tour, and gain an understanding of what different companies do and the career opportunities available. We are very grateful to the respected organisations that let our students peek into the world of work, including Veka, UK Fast, Warburton's, Fagan & Whalley, and even some of our feeder primary schools! Warbuton's was particularly popular, with Ellie Faulkner, one of our Year 10s, saying; "I had such a great day on my industry visit!"

As the students continue into Year 11, they look forward to their careers journey continuing. We have a university visit to Edgehill with an English masterclass planned, and the North West Apprenticeship Show has been booked for October. Dates for FE College open evenings will also be shared and individual careers interviews are being arranged for the first term.

Mrs. Bacon is incredibly proud of Year 10, telling them; "You all rose to the challenge of Your Future, Your Choice. You did yourselves proud as seen from the conference close on Friday. Keep thinking, talking to your family and friends, and considering your best options. Think big, chase dreams and we will succeed together."



## Faculty of the Fortnight: SCIENCE

Science are excited to be our final faculty of the fortnight for this year!

With a great focus on extra-curricular work, science here at Shuttleworth is engaging for everyone. They work regularly within our Enrichment programme, running workshops for primary school children in the local area allowing them to be taught by subject specialists and foster interest in the subject even before they come to secondary school.

Once here, our Year 7 & 8 students can join Science Club, which allows them to explore science outside of the regular curriculum with amazing experiments and fascinating facts. Our science teachers are also excited to announce that they are creating the Science Drop-In Clinic for next year. Pupils will be able to pop in and get help with their homework, or ask further questions about class topics, whilst the teachers support science in all ages and abilities.



There's plenty for our older students too, with Year 10 students who had persevered to improve their mock grades and good behaviour getting a rewards lesson with fun activities and snacks. Year 11 science revision is also given priority, with form time revision running right up to the exams and any spare time being spent in physics revision.

Along with this, the faculty is organising talks and workshops to stir up interest in science careers. There's one for every field; medicine, engineering, research – even museum curation!

Throughout the past two weeks, they've been putting out science jokes and facts on our school twitter, [@Shuttle\\_College](#), so have a look!

## Message from the Head

Dear Families,

I cannot believe we have reached the end of another year, the year has really flown by.

The past couple of weeks have been full of celebrations in the college with prize evenings, award assemblies and the sports awards dinner. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate our young peoples' achievements with staff, students and families. The students have done us all proud yet again this year. They have been amazing!

I also had the privilege of spending time with our year 10 students last week on their Your Future, Your Choice week. I was amazed by the maturity, independence and commitment shown by our young people. The feedback from the employers and colleges was phenomenal!

Have a wonderful break with your children. I do hope everyone gets to spend some time together. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 4th September at 8.40am!

Yours sincerely

Ruth England

