

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Our Best Ever GCSE Results!



We've had some stellar GCSE results this year, particularly in our core subjects, and our faculty Heads have plenty to say about it!

"We are thrilled that our GCSE English Language grades are noticeably increasing year on year, with grades of 5 and above firmly in line with national averages." Said Miss Roach, our Head of English and Associate Assistant Headteacher. "Our students also worked hard to achieve more top grades in GCSE English Literature than ever before!"

Mrs. Harrison, Associate Assistant Headteacher and Head of Maths, was also very pleased, saying; "The 2018 GCSE results have proven to be our best ever results in maths, with our pass rate soaring above the national average. Several students also achieved the prestigious grade 9."

"Science results this year have been fantastic;" proclaimed Mr. Al-Khatib, Curriculum Leader for Science, "not only is our overall pass rate above national average but large numbers of pupils achieved grades above their target grade, including several being awarded the top grade, 9."

We're so proud of how hard our students worked, and are confident that our current Year 11s will also have such amazing results!

Summer School

This September, we have welcomed our largest ever number of students; over 200 children have joined the Shuttleworth community in Year 7. But we haven't just thrown them in at the deep end; along with all our other transition initiatives, we also ran a programme over the summer holidays to let children joining us in Year 7 get used to Shuttleworth.

The week-long programme was a resounding success, continuing the Transition Week theme of *Sustainability*. The children renovated a polytunnel ready for them to start a gardening club in Year 7. They also used their recycling skills to turn scrap plastic into pots to grow their plants and practiced cooking with seasonal veg to make chicken and vegetable curry for their lunch. Recycling old paper to make new and reusing odd socks to make toy owls came next, with outdoor challenges, rounders, and football afterwards.

We are proud to have such fantastic children come to be our students here & their smiling faces brighten up the whole school.



Staff CPD

Here at Shuttleworth College, we are committed to ensuring that all of our students are happy and healthy, which naturally includes their mental health.

With the rising popularity of initiatives such as the mindfulness movement, mental health is at the forefront of everybody's minds – including ours! Whilst our new form time booklets (see back page) are aiming to improve the mental health of the whole school body, over twenty members of staff have made a further commitment to our young people.

These members of staff, both teaching and support, undertook a four-week course in *Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health*. This course, which is a nationally recognised qualification run by the Learning Curve Group, covered a variety of different scenarios, with sections on defining & exploring mental health and what causes contribute to it. It also included sections on identifying mental health issues and how to both directly support and obtain further support for children and young people.

Mrs. Snaith, one of our SEND team who introduced the course to Shuttleworth, said; "It has made the participants more confident in their understanding of what constitutes mental health issues, as well as identifying the warning signs. Though all our staff are well trained in safeguarding measures of every kind, those who have undertaken this course, including myself, are now able to more fully concentrate their efforts on supporting the wellbeing of our students and find the best way forward for every child."

With a 100% pass rate amongst our staff, many of them are excited to undertake further training in this area. After the success of the course, we are also going to offer the programme again so that even more of our staff can make student mental health their priority.

Welcoming Amazing Apprentices...

For the new school year, we have welcomed several new members of staff and we're very excited to welcome five new Apprentice Teaching Assistants to the Shuttleworth community.

These new additions to our team are not only helping us by providing fantastic support in our classrooms, but as a school we are proud to be furthering their careers by sponsoring the training they need to achieve their goals.

"I've always wanted to assist children and young people on their journey through school." Said Mrs. Itgensoy, one of the new TAs. "Shuttleworth College has a real family feel to it and I've been made to feel very welcome. I'm looking forward to new challenges as time goes on!"

The TAs spend one day a week at Nelson & Colne College, where they will learn everything there is to know about how to be a successful teaching assistant, and the rest of the week working hands-on



Some of our new TAs

with our students. What's more, no less than three of our new members of staff are former Shuttleworth students! We can see why they loved it so much they couldn't wait to return.

"Being part of a student's life on a day to day basis is a position of privilege, with many rewards." Said Miss Graham, former Shuttleworth student and Apprentice TA "I have a keen interest in supporting students because, as a previous student at Shuttleworth College, the teachers and teaching assistants helped me to overcome the challenges I faced and helped me to flourish as a young individual. I couldn't wait to return to the school as a member of staff."

"When the opportunity came along to become a trainee TA here at Shuttleworth, I couldn't turn the offer down." Added Mr. Green, another of our new recruits. "From being a past student at Shuttleworth, I knew how amazing and supportive the school is and it was an easy choice to come back. Both past and present, teachers and staff have made me feel very welcome and I can't wait to get started!"

...and Terrific Teachers

We've welcomed several new teachers this academic year, but these three couldn't wait to say hello! Introducing...



Mr. Williams, Curriculum Leader for Modern Foreign Languages



Mrs. Khan, Teacher of Mathematics



Mrs. Fox, Teacher of English

Student Wellbeing

With the increased mainstream awareness around mental health and wellbeing, here at Shuttleworth we have begun a school-wide initiative to combat unhappiness and mental health problems.



The brainchild of Ms. Sagar, Deputy Headteacher; this has begun as activity booklets to be completed twice a week in form time so as to start the day right with fifteen minutes of positivity. The booklets cover a variety of topics including happiness, body image, anxiety & stress reduction techniques, and more.

“With young people under more pressure than ever before, I believe the lessons and activities in these booklets will be an invaluable resource for our students.” Said Ms. Sagar.

Dates For Your Diary

4th October	Open Evening
11th October	New Parents' Evening
15th October	Year 9 & 10 GCSE Information Event
1st November	Year 11 Assessment Evening
15th November	Year 11 Awards Evening
29th November	Year 10 Parents' Evening
6th December	Carol Concert
13th December	Year 8 Parents' Evening

Message from the Head

Dear Families,

I hope all of you had a good summer. The rain is well & truly back with us now! It has been a great start to the academic year. Our young people are looking so smart and working so hard already; thank you for all your support in ensuring a smooth start to the year.

We are thrilled with the results so many of our Year 11s achieved and wish them all the best as they embark on the next stages of their lives.

We have had our biggest number of Year 7s to date join us, almost 220. They are settling in really well and are finding their feet around school. If you have any questions or concerns please remember that you can contact Mr. Turner at any time. Could parents/carers of Year 8 students please note that Mr. Turner is also responsible for Year 8 students whilst Miss Grice is ill.

If you have any children in Year 6 or have any friends or family looking at high schools, don't forget our open evening on Thursday the 4th of October from 5pm. Families are welcome for school tours at any time, just contact my PA to make an appointment.

We have events in October for Year 7, 9 & 10 parents. Watch out for letters and information on the website!

Yours sincerely,

Ruth England



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