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NEWSLETTER

Holocaust Memorial Day



Each year on 27 January, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated in remembrance of all those who lost their lives in the Holocaust of World War Two and other genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. To inform and prepare our students, Mr Overthrow delivered an assembly to each year group. A group of students from Year 10 and Year 11 were then invited to take part in a livestream talk supported by the Holocaust Educational Trust with a Holocaust Survivor.

The talk with Susan Pollock had a profound effect on both staff and students and it is clear that our students feel more responsibility to ensure that prejudice is challenged and that genocides are not forgotten. Some of our students have written about their experiences here.

Olivia Noonan (Year 10)

On 24 January 2020, Year 10 and 11 students were invited to watch and listen to a Holocaust Educational Trust livestream with Susan Pollock, a Holocaust survivor.

Susan was born on 9 September 1930 in Felsögöd, Hungary. Following the outbreak of the Second World War, Susan was separated from her family. Her mother was sent to join a group of elderly prisoners. She soon learned that her mum had been sent directly to the gas chambers. Susan had to lie about her age, as if she had said that she was under 15 years of age, she would have been gassed. Susan was selected to work; she remained in the camp for 10 weeks before being sent to Guben in Germany as a slave labourer. In April 1945, Susan was liberated by the British Army. She was later hospitalised for Tuberculosis, Typhoid and Malnutrition. After liberation, she found that her brother Laci was the only member of her family to have also survived. More than 50 of her relatives had been killed.

After the war, she lived in Sweden before moving to Canada where she met and married a fellow survivor. She now lives in London and has 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Faye Schofield (Year 10)

75 years on from the Holocaust we are still experiencing genocide around the world. It is important to remember the Holocaust as survivors are becoming unable to tell their own story and new generations need to know the consequences of discriminations and the devastation genocide causes.

Mr Overthrow said, "it was a privilege to give our students the opportunity to hear a Holocaust survivor speak of their experiences and to supply a poignant warning of the dangers of not challenging antisemitism wherever and whenever it appears. The webcast was particularly important this year not only to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau but also to reflect on the dwindling number of Holocaust survivors remaining and to give our students the chance to carry their memories forwards with them. We are grateful to both the Holocaust Educational Trust and the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for giving our students the chance to experience a Holocaust survivor speak."

Careers

As our Careers Education programme here at Shuttleworth College has expanded and progressed over the last few years, you'll have noticed more and more events, trips, speakers and careers lessons happening for all of our students.

A new feature for the website and newsletter is our 'Career of the Fortnight' section; Art Therapy is our first focus. We'll be featuring a mixture of well-known and unusual jobs roles, letting our students, staff, parents and carers know what's available in the world of work and how to access it. We'll also be shining a light on the professions within school that keep everything here safe, efficient and organised.

If you have an idea of a job role you'd like us to cover in our Career of the Fortnight feature, let us know by emailing Mrs Ackroyd, our Careers Leader, on fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk.





AVERAGE SALARY

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Planetary Research!

We were very excited to welcome Dr Vera Assis Fernandes into school on 4 February to speak to over 100 of our Year 10 Science students about her career as a Planetary Research Scientist. Dr Vera is currently based at the University of Manchester's Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences and undertakes international research to understand more about our moon and solar system.

Students prepared for the visit by researching different aspects of planetary science, the solar system and meteorites so that they could understand more of Dr Vera's work. She then gave a presentation on her educational pathway (via three different countries) and her current work. She even brought in meteorite samples for our students to view and hold.

Dr Vera's talk also focused on her expeditions to Antarctica, explaining that the desert environment there is ideal for the discovery of meteorites. Expeditions leave from New Zealand, and the researchers typically spend 6 weeks in Antarctica searching for meteorites, carefully cataloguing them and taking them safely back to their base before they are transported (in refrigerated containers) to NASA for international research. She said that, as well as the importance of

her research, some of the highlights of the trips were seeing wildlife such as seals, penguins and orcas in their natural habitat.

Dr Vera has also worked and studied in Portugal, Germany, Switzerland, Norway and the USA!

Students Bryony Antrobus, Georgia Jennings, Frankie Lamprecht, Jess Newton & Barbara Romão Hossain added, "we were really inspired by Dr Fernandes today. It was very informative and interesting to be able to hear about what she has experienced: she made meteors and space more exciting and interesting that they have been before! We also were surprised at how heavy the meteorite samples were. However, although her

expeditions to Antarctica were really inspiring, we didn't like finding out that the researchers don't shower for up to 6 weeks while they're camping on the ice!"



Lou Lou gets her call up!

We're absolutely delighted that our star footballer, Lou Lou Newton (Year 9) has been called up to play for the Women's England Under 15 team during half term, thanks to the hard work, determination and talent she displayed during the training camp she attended at St George's Park in December.

Lou Lou will spend 3 days in York and the team will play against Portugal, giving her a first experience of international football.

Good Luck Lou Lou!

Image credit: Angela Newton



Join the Parent Forum

The Parent Forum is still open to new members.

If you would like to join the Parent Forum to attend the meetings and provide a parent/carer's viewpoint or support the work that goes on, please contact Mrs Price on cprice@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk You can also join the Facebook group (SC Parent Forum) for more information.

Owen's innovation wins the day!

Congratulations to Owen Sharples (Year 10) who recently won a competition held by Rapid IT and LCWS. The companies are local and specialise in refurbishing and recycling computer hardware, reducing the amount sent to landfill, and we are very grateful that they have chosen to work with us here at Shuttleworth College for the last few years.

Our Year 10 Design Technology students were tasked with 'upcycling' a PC case after a visit to Rapid IT & LCWS. Mrs Gill, Creative Technologies teacher, said, "it was great to see such a wide range of ideas from our students including dolls' houses, bird boxes and lamps. The competition really helped our students learn about environmental issues and improved their independence and practical skills in working with a range of materials".

Owen's entry was the creation of a bedside drawer on crutches!

Chris Stevenson, Operations Director at Rapid IT and pictured below with Owen, said "after a thorough judging process from the team at Rapid IT, Owen's entry was picked as the winner thanks to his innovative design and because it was evident a great deal of thought and effort had gone into the end results. Well Done Owen!"

Image credit: Rapid IT & LCWS



Our Kitchen is 5* Rated!

Congratulations to Mrs Dickinson and all of our Catering staff, who have been awarded a 5* Food Hygiene Rating after a surprise inspection in January. The National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme is a joint scheme run by the Food Standards Agency and local authorities across the country—you'll have seen the green stickers in the doors of plenty of restaurants and cafes!

Our catering team work incredibly hard to keep us all happily and healthily fed and we knew that any inspection would go brilliantly thanks to the hard work and high standards they keep every day.

The Catering team have also recently added a variety of vegetarian options to the menu which staff and students can order in advance.



Jolie helps Padiham Green to a Silver Medal!

Jolie Forrest (Year 7) has been demonstrating Shuttleworth values and showing her community spirit by helping Padiham Green C of E Primary School to dancing success!

The school's Dance Group were preparing for the Burnley Dance Competition and Jolie has been supporting them since before Christmas with their street dance routine. The Competition was run by Burnley School Sports Partnership at Blessed Trinity RC College on 28 January.

Amazingly, the group from Padiham Green came second, just three points behind the winners, St Stephen's Primary!

Jolie takes part in Street Dance outside of school and already supports her dance teacher with younger students on a regular basis.

Mr Dixon, Headteacher at Padiham Green, was very proud of his team and Jolie and said, "our team was excellent. Jolie has been volunteering with us and helped our team prepare, which she did so, so well. Well done to our team and thank you to Jolie".



Food Bank Appeal Update

We are still collecting items for our Student Council's Food Bank Appeal, which now stands at an incredible **550** donations! Students can leave donations of non-perishable food and drink, toiletries and cleaning products at the collection point in the Library.

Uniform Appeal

If you have any good-quality, out-grown uniform items that are sitting unused, please send them in to College for use as spares.

Blazers // Ties // Trousers // Skirts

We need you!

We are always keen to hear about the successes of our former students. If you are a former student of Shuttleworth College or Gawthorpe High School, or you know someone who is, you can sign up to our alumni network here:

https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/shuttleworth

We are also keen to hear from alumni or parents/careers who would like to support our careers programme. We need people who have progressed through any education, training or employment path. It is particularly important that our students understand the huge range of industries and careers that are open to them, so we need you no matter what your current job is!

Alternatively, email Mrs Ackroyd, Careers Leader on fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk

Good news to share about your child?

Promoting a community event?

Get in touch with our marketing and communications team, by contacting Mrs Ackroyd via fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk.

Student Council Feedback

— Mia Cromack

In the Student Council meeting held on 10 February, we discussed 3 main topics: Teaching & Learning/ Classroom Culture, Break & Lunch times and Charity.

Teaching & Learning: There was overall positive feedback, with praise of swapping teachers (like Year 10-11 Science) every half term to familiarise students with working in different environments with different teachers. However, a few students brought up the idea of introducing new teachers who will be taking over a class if, for example, their teacher is going on maternity leave. Linking with Teaching & Learning, students brought up the idea of Show My Homework and Seneca, suggesting homework be given on paper sheets in class as some students may not be able to access these websites at home. Year 11s also suggested a more efficient way of being informed which Period 6 classes they have been invited to attend.

Break & Lunch Time Facilities: It was suggested that there be more space added outside or on the ground floor in order to improve food access and places to sit as the school community grows. There were also ideas regarding creating less waste in the environment, with the hopes of eventually getting rid of bottles being sold in the canteen and encouraging reusable bottles to be used. Shuttleworth College own bottles were suggested with maybe even a contest to design the bottle. Mrs England assured us this would be looked into and supported the idea of labelled bins being used to ensure recycling is happening.

Charity & Food Bank Appeal: We, as a Student Council, are still very enthusiastic to collect 1000 food items for the Food Bank. Students will be put in place to regularly visit forms to remind students that they are still able to donate. However, it was requested that less pressure was put on students and to assure them that one item is enough to start making a difference.