



**SHIREBROOK
ACADEMY**

Hello SUMMER

Dear Parents/Carers and readers of the ACET Shirebrook Academy newsletter,

Thank you from all staff and students at Shirebrook Academy for your continued support of our vision to raise the educational standards for young people in our community.

It has been a fantastic year, and we are very proud of all of the achievements of our young people and community. This time last year we introduced the Class Charts App and we were overwhelmed by the positive way that it was received. To date this year, we have used the platform to praise and reward all of our students and we have awarded 294, 168 achievements! For every behaviour log that a student receives at Shirebrook Academy, a further ten students receive House Points, and this is testament to a culture of modelling and rewarding excellence and working with our young people to ensure that they have the highest standards and expectations of themselves.

This term we have also had the privilege to reward many students as part of our Shirebrook Shining Stars annual event, as well as through celebration assemblies which showcased the efforts of our students in categories including resilience, kindness, academic excellence, attendance and collective contributions. There is much to appreciate, recognise and reward within our academy community and our students continue to shine.

This year students have continued to benefit from a broad, balanced and rich curriculum that promotes extra-curricular and out of class learning. There has been a variety of enrichment activities and trips including international visits. In Languages, students were immersed in the cultural richness of Barcelona to hone and refine their Spanish speaking skills, whilst in Humanities, students travelled to Naples, Italy, and visited sites of historical and geographical importance including Pompeii, Herculaneum and Capri – whilst of course sampling the shopping delights of Sorrento! Nationally, students have participated in a range of learning activities in art, PE, geography, history and science and such experiences develop their learning and understanding of the world around them whilst also building memories for years to come. We always receive feedback about how wonderful our students are and how they are a credit to themselves, our academy and community and it is a delight to be able to support young people in their learning this way.

We were delighted to again achieve Careers Mark status as a school in the summer term with our commitment to careers

information, advice and guidance recognised alongside our developments over time leading to accreditation at Platinum level. We are committed to ensuring that our students receive the support that they need to make informed choices about their futures and that they have access to as many employer and workplace opportunities as possible.

We are looking forward to our annual Summer Fayre, which this year is taking place on Tuesday 22nd July between 3.30-7.00pm. We would like to welcome as many children and families as possible to enjoy what is on offer including a variety of events such as axe-throwing and archery, a live falconry display, opportunities to buy crafts and gifts, jump around on the bouncy castles and buy scrumptious food from a variety of catering providers. Monies raised will be used to jointly support next year's Year 11 prom, with 50% of proceeds donated to our local charity, BLAST.

In April, we received external validation that we are a 'Good' school that has made significant improvements in the areas of quality of education, behaviour & attitudes, personal development and leadership & management. Such achievements are a team effort, and we are very proud that our visitors could see the strong relationships between staff and students and the unwavering ambition that we have for our young people. Shared high standards and expectations make all the difference and working together we have improved learning and experiences collectively for the greater good of all of our students.

Thank you for your support as parents/carers in enabling your children to attend our academy each day, on time, in their academy uniform and ready to learn. Getting the little things right enables the bigger things to follow and through partnership working and a continued focus on our young people we will enable them to achieve with confidence and develop key skills for life.

Our academy closes for the end of this academic year on Thursday 24th July 2024 at 12.45pm and we look forward to welcoming our students back when our academy reopens; for Year 7 on Friday 5th September and Years 8-11 on Monday 8th September.

Wishing you, your families and friends an enjoyable and memorable summer break.

Andiey Burgin

Principal



Amazing Ambassadors

A hugely successful weekend at Lea Green was had by our ambassadors and staff back in January. Students were absolutely immense from start to finish. They pushed themselves out of their comfort zone, overcame obstacles, broke barriers and developed skills in teamwork, confidence, resilience and positivity. We are Immensely proud of all of them. Memories were made that will last a lifetime, in particular the night walk, the high ropes, archery, the campfire and the tyres...!

Lea Green staff also commented that the group of Shirebrook students were one of the best schools and groups that they had worked with.



SOMETHING FISHY

8kg of rope-grown mussels donated by [@OffshoreShell](#), packed by [@RTShellfish](#) & delivered by [@dfdsgroup](#) arrived at the academy on 24th January. It provided a brilliant experience for our students to prepare, cook & eat the delicious product. Pupils learnt new food skills and it was an overall fabulous learning experience for them all – something we would not normally do!



Bar Iberico

As January came to a close, our Y11 students enjoyed a delicious tapas evening in Nottingham. It was an opportunity to try traditional Spanish foods and soak up a little culture whilst putting their Spanish skills to the test.

The tapas food was delicious and finished off nicely with warm Churros and a chocolate dip.

A fabulous evening was had by all.



Under the Sea



The 'Under the Sea' mural located in Inclusion is now complete, and signed by all participants; Aleksandra Radzewicz, Henley Ford and Jasmin May

Special thanks to our cover technician Lauren Phillips and ex-student Faye Newton for their support.

It looks absolutely fantastic and the students are extremely proud of their work!

Well done to everyone

BARCELONA

At the end of April 2025, the MFL faculty had the pleasure of taking 45 students on a residential trip to Barcelona, Spain for 4 days and 3 nights.

Students got to appreciate the fabulous culture, cuisine and attractions that Barcelona has to offer as well as trying to speak some Spanish that they had learnt in school.

Day one included a trip to the aquarium located by the port with opportunity for ice creams in the sunshine.

Day two included a virtual tour of Nou Camp – Barcelona’s Football Stadium and the opportunity to visit the stadium’s shop, a trip to Park Guëll to see the scenery and the panoramic views of the wonderful city, a visit to the most spectacular cathedral “Sagrada Familia” designed by famous architect Antoni Gaudi and a tasty tapas meal, experiencing some of Barcelona’s finest cuisine.

Day three involved a whole day at the local theme park called Port Aventura and Ferrari Land, hosting one of the highest rollercoasters in Europe. Students got to experience the thrill of rollercoasters or enjoyed plenty of water rides in the hot climate.

Finally on day 4 we had the opportunity to visit Las Ramblas and have a shopping opportunity to buy souvenirs to take home.

The students were incredible role models and we are very proud of each one of them. They showed respect, resilience, positivity and understanding of new cultures and trying new foods and experiences out of their comfort zone.

Thank you to all staff who accompanied the trip and gave their time to support.



Students attending the trip were; Bobby Smith, Daniel Sharrocks, Bailey Darrington, Harry Newton, Kaiden Mohammed, Spencer Richards, Ollie Copestake, Zachary Wragg, Brayden Seagrave, Michael Obikulu, Krzysztof Rzesista, Tavan Shipman, Hawley Oscroft, Alfie Foster, Lucas Marsh, Alex Vaduva, Jacob Cane, Kai Hardy, Aiste Vigelyte, Polly Howson, Amelia Dalby, Lois Warren, Darcie Allen, Miya Spizer, Belle Robinson, Ruby Buxton, Lily-Jo Glover, Ayva Tomblin, Samantha Caudwell, Kinga Kwicien, Miley Peters-Moore, Gemma Sumner, Lucie Naylor, Leila Aspinall, Roxy Key, Jessica Shortt, Jessica Ashmore, Mia Rae Grant, Emmie Wall, Ava Smedley, Eylul Alici, Faith Fakoya, Scarlett Smyth, Katie MCarthy and Trinity Hemsley.

THE BAY OF NAPLES

The Geography Department were thrilled and excited to take 25 GCSE students on a field trip to the Bay of Naples, Italy, on the 8th of July. The visit was a great experience and way to enhance students' understanding of key topics from the Geography curriculum, including tectonic hazards, coastal landscapes, economic development and tourism.

A major highlight of the trip was climbing Mount Vesuvius, famously known for its catastrophic eruption in 79 CE that led to the destruction and burial of the Roman cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii. Students explored Herculaneum, one of the few ancient cities preserved largely intact, followed by a visit to Pompeii — a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Italy's most iconic tourist destinations. These provided invaluable insight into urban life during the height of the Roman Empire.

Another memorable part of the trip was a visit to the upmarket island of Capri. Here, students marvelled at the island's dramatic limestone landscape, striking sea stacks, and stunning coastal grottoes. The excursion culminated in a magical rowing boat journey into the famous Blue Grotto.

Although the itinerary was full, we did find time for a bit of souvenir shopping and a well-earned gelato in the charming town of Sorrento before returning to the Academy.



INCLUSION NEWS

This term we hosted an Inclusion event where families met our new Assistant Vice Principal for Inclusion and received updates on our inclusive practice. A parent workshop was held to support families of neurodivergent young people, as well as a Y11 workshop in which we gave advice and strategies for preparing for GCSEs.

We are incredibly proud of our productive meetings with our Inclusion Ambassadors and School Counsellors as they help to shape the future of inclusion at Shirebrook Academy. We are excited to put their ideas into practice this year!

Students from Pine Cone enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to the Reptile Centre. The children were incredibly inquisitive, asking thoughtful questions about the different reptiles, their diets, and habitats—such as whether they prefer sand or moss, or if they like to climb trees or burrow underground. Some pupils even conquered their fears and bravely held snakes, showing great courage and curiosity throughout the trip. They were a credit to Shirebrook Academy.



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Alumni

If you are a former student or know of any who'd like to stay in touch and give back to their old school, ask them to sign up at:

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/shirebrook>



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Shirebrook Shining Stars

On Wednesday 18th June, we hosted our annual Shirebrook Shining Stars event, where over 60 awards were rewarded to our outstanding students!

Students across Key Stage 3 and 4 were awarded for their excellence and commitment across all subject areas, as well as for their contributions to the community, outstanding attendance and excellent academic progress!

The event, hosted by Mrs Burgin, Mr Edwards, Mrs Ward and Mr O'Reilly, was attended by nearly 200 people, making for a fantastic atmosphere.

We would like to pay special thanks to Earlybirds Nursery, Mortgage 1st, our Head of Maths, Mrs King, and Mellors catering who kindly sponsored our event. Earlybirds sponsored our Community Award, with a prize of a voucher for the winner, and Mortgage 1st sponsored the event for the third year running, kindly donating a voucher for the winner of the Mathematician of the Year Award. Mrs King donated a £25 voucher for each of the Student of the Year award winners. Mellors kindly provided the refreshments for the evening.

The audience were also treated to a stunning performance from Declan Cheetham, who wowed the crowd with a piano recital!

We look forward to next year's awards.

Mrs Burgin and Mr Edwards



Thank you to our sponsors of the event



Mrs Elizabeth King

CONGRATULATIONS

to everyone who picked up an award – we are so proud of you all!

HUMANITIES - History

Our Y10 and Y11 Historians have enriched and enhanced their studies by visiting the Royal Armouries (Y10) and Thackray Medical Museum (Y11).

Y10 students undertook a workshop analysing the Battles, armour and weapons of 1066 for our Anglo-Saxon/Norman paper. This included studying the Bayeux Tapestry and reenacting the Battles it depicts.



Y11 students had a great trip to Thackray Medical Museum where they revised and developed their knowledge of the Medicine in Britain paper, while also having a great time. This included students travelling down 'Disease Street' and experiencing life on an industrial street (bad smells included) while identifying public health concerns and causes of disease. The highlight of the trip was the History of Surgery workshop which students really engaged with - some even 'operated on'.

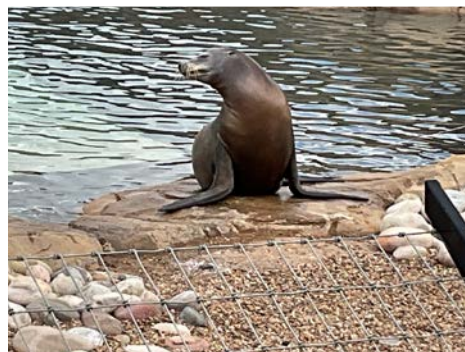
Both trips have been a great success and benefitted the students greatly. The interactive workshops were great for students revising and enhancing their knowledge of a key topic.



Geography

Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre

The Y10 geographers donned their wellies, crocs and waders to investigate the River Meden on the Pearlthorpe Estate. Consideration was given to the expected changes along the river's course and potential risks prior to entering the river. Plenty of data was collected across the two sites with a few fish spotted swimming past, all in preparation for students' eventual completion of the paper 3 Fieldwork investigation examination component in Y11. Despite some slips and wet socks along the way the group all left smiling and were commended by the centre for their enthusiasm, engagement in learning and excellent manners shown during the visit.



Yorkshire Wildlife

Our Year 7 students visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park over the course of two days in June. Students learnt about the levels of threat experienced by a variety of animal species, many of which they were able to see out & about in the park throughout the day. They explored the concepts of global species conservation and sustainability, viewing a small fraction of the illegal goods confiscated at UK airports under the terms of the international CITES agreement which helps prevent the trade of endangered species.



MAKE SAVINGS by claiming your FREE SCHOOL



As you probably know, Free School Meal awareness has been increased recently across the media.

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THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEAL

Universal Free School Meals (UFSM)

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Free School Meals (FSM)

Pupils may be entitled to a Free School Meal. However, with FSM you will need to apply. The link on this sheet is for your local authority and there is also a link to the Government website about FSM. Your child's school will also have an application form, if you wish to complete the application by hand.

Whether taking advantage of UFSM or FSM, a hot meal (2 choices of main course) or a sandwich, along with a dessert of the day, or fresh fruit or yoghurt and a drink will be the daily choice.

The menus are displayed on the school website and if your child has a food allergy or intolerance, our Catering Manager will discuss the options for your child and accommodate the allergen requirements.

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GOOD
GRADES

ATTEND
TODAY
ACHIEVE
TOMORROW

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Music Lessons

Does your child have an interest in learning to play a musical instrument?

Here at the academy we have an excellent team of specialist musicians who visit us weekly to provide lessons in brass (trumpet, cornet, horn, trombone, euphonium and tuba), woodwind (flute, clarinet and saxophone), strings (violin and viola), guitar (electric, acoustic and bass) and drum kit.

Learning an instrument is an excellent way to develop self-esteem, resilience, organisation, coordination, thinking skills and problem solving as well presenting the opportunity to make new friends and gain confidence. Once your child has made progress on their instrument they will be invited to join one of the academy's musical ensembles such as Wind Band, Funky Jazz Band, String Orchestra or Choir. They may also have the opportunity to take part in concerts and showcases throughout the year.

All lessons take place during the school day on a rotating timetable to avoid disruption to students' learning.

Lessons are offered at an introductory price for the first six weeks, following this time prices may vary but subsidies are available subject to circumstances.

If your child is interested, have them collect a letter from the music department.



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The C-Scheme

The C-Scheme is run by Derbyshire Sexual Health Promotion service, and offers access to condoms for 13-24 year olds. The scheme helps to promote safe sex and encourages longer term sexual health awareness in young people, providing advice and information alongside access to condoms. Our school nurse already offers the C-Scheme service in school but we have now registered additional members of our pastoral team to offer the service, making it more accessible to students who need it. We recognise that students become ready for this kind of service at different stages, and will ensure that the service is offered appropriately as part of our wider pastoral support. For further information about the scheme, www.yoursexualhealthmatters.org.uk/contraception/c-card

your sexual health matters

The Love of Reading ...

Developing a love of reading in our students is a key part of our Reading strategy.

In March, we had a highly successful World Book week which focused on J.K. Rowling's 'Harry Potter' book series. Students read extracts from the books in form time, participated in quizzes, competitions and events and the entire school transformed into Hogwarts. The week culminated in the ACET World Book Day inter-school quiz which Shirebrook Academy won, and staff dressed up as characters from the books to help to further inspire students. In the Library, we ran a raffle where every student who borrowed a book was entered into a prize draw to win a signed copy of Bite Risk by Melinda Salisbury. Our winner was Adriana Cechova from Y7, who's really excited to read her new book.

The teaching of Reading and developing a reading culture amongst our students remains a key priority for all staff at Shirebrook Academy.

During this term, all students have experienced their fifth and sixth Reading weeks of the year. In all lessons, teachers have delivered activities linked to exploring modern fiction and non-fiction texts and staff have also shared extracts from books they love and books that they want to read over the summer holidays. Reading weeks show our students that reading is important in every curriculum area and demonstrate that all Shirebrook Academy teachers are teachers of reading.

Furthermore, our students have continued to learn how to use their ERIC (Everyone Reads in Class) strategies in all curriculum areas to access texts and to help them develop reading skills for life.

Before Easter, Key Stage 3 students sat the online NGRT (New Group Reading Test,) and the data used to inform students' Reading Pathways for this term. Key Stage 3 students are set in specific

Reading Pathways for their weekly Reading Lessons and these lessons focus on whole class reading of fictional texts.

Additionally, students in the Reading Intervention, Carry On Reading and Carry On Reading+ groups also access computer-based reading programmes, 'Reading Wise' and 'ReadingPlus' which focus on improving comprehension and vocabulary.

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AND USE THE PASSWORD YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN!

Questions or issues logging in?
See Miss Shaw in the Library!

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This term, we have launched a new online Library resource 'E-platform' which allows all students to log on at school and home and take out books and audiobook loans appropriate to their age and interests. Please encourage your child to log on at home and select their book loans for the summer holidays. Reading regularly at home is important as it will help to improve your child's reading ability and will encourage them to have a positive attitude to reading and learning in general.

The 'Reading Quotation of the Term' is from a Year 9 male student who did not enjoy reading at the start of this year,

"I now enjoy my Reading lessons. I like reading 'Of Mice and Men' and using the 'ReadingPlus' programme- it helps me with my reading. I understand the meanings of words more now and this helps me in my other subjects too. My Reading Age has improved by two years this year and I am proud of this."

Next year, we will be holding parent information events linked to Reading and Literacy- please look out for these on the school calendar, website, and our social media channels.

Brilliant Book Award

Earlier this year we ran a fantastic trip to Nottingham Girls High School for the Brilliant Book Award event. The students enjoyed a series of talks and Q&As from 5 popular authors, and even had the opportunity to meet the authors and get their books signed.

All of the students were exemplary ambassadors for the Academy, and a fantastic time was had by all.



Mathematics - Enrichment Highlights

This year, Shirebrook Academy was delighted to have sixty Year 7 students selected on two occasions to take part in the Racing to School programme at Doncaster Racecourse. The programme offered an exciting chance for students to engage with mathematics in a practical setting, through activities such as measuring hurdles, calculating distances around the racecourse, analysing jockey weights, and interpreting race times. These hands-on experiences helped pupils see how mathematical ideas are used in everyday situations.

After the visits, the Racing to School team returned to school to deliver a follow-up session. This gave students the opportunity to explore how maths plays a crucial role throughout the racing industry — from using statistics to analyse races and applying probability in betting, to the precision required in jockey nutrition and equipment. They also looked at budgeting and marketing, highlighting the broad range of careers where maths skills are vital.

In November 2024, students visited Manchester City Stadium, where they gained a unique perspective on how mathematics supports the operation of a large sports venue. They learned how calculations help optimise seating, ensure crowd safety, and assist in financial planning. The visit also highlighted how data analysis contributes to player performance reviews and match strategies.

In May, six Year 9 students took part in the Amey Cup Challenge, a team-based maths competition focused on problem-solving and communication. The students collaborated to tackle a series of challenging, real-life maths problems and presented their solutions with confidence. This event was a valuable opportunity to develop critical thinking and apply mathematical knowledge in a practical, engaging way.

We are very proud of all our students for embracing these enriching experiences, which have helped to deepen their mathematical understanding and demonstrate its relevance beyond the classroom.

On Tuesday the 8th of July, Poppy Johnston and Nyla Petters, two of our Axiom Maths Circle participants, were accompanied by Mr Kenny and Miss Hallam to spend a day at Nottingham University to celebrate a successful year of being part of the Axiom Maths Initiative at Shirebrook Academy.

The day saw approximately 100 pupils, from other local schools also running the project, come together for a fun day of maths!

We kicked off with the Domino Challenge before being given a tour of the robots at the Centre for Aerospace Manufacturing focussing on the application of mathematics in the automated aerospace industry.

We had a quick lunch and then it was time to experience what a university lecture is like with Dr Lisa Mott giving us a tour through Misinterpreting Data before finding out the results of the morning competition.

It was a brilliant day and both Nyla and Poppy did themselves, and the school, proud.

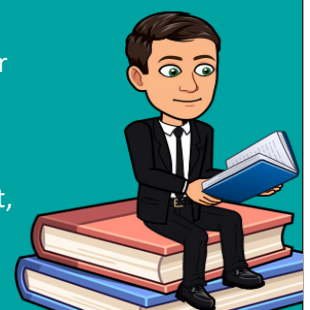


WELL DONE POPPY

National Storytelling Week

National Storytelling Week is a yearly event run by the Society for Storytelling that celebrates the tradition of storytelling and aims to inspire a whole new generation of storytellers.

It was a huge success here at Shirebrook Academy and after a week long of activities with the author Steve Camden, Y7 student, Poppy Johnston was chosen to be published in a book. The writing award will see Poppy become a published author.



Personal Development and Careers



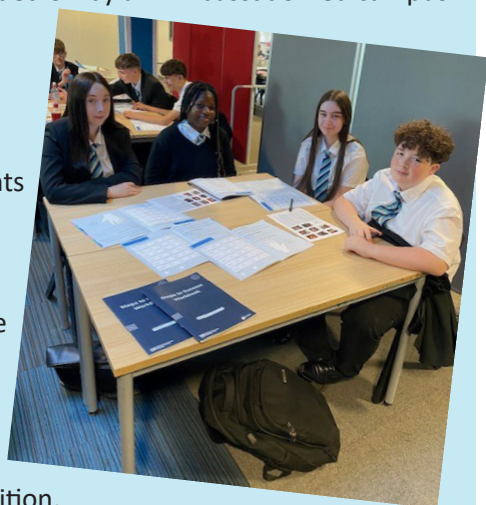
We have been busy working with DANCOP (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Outreach Partnership) again throughout the year and with several year groups. This started off with Y11's taking part in their 'Prepare to Succeed'



programme a four-part programme designed to support with revision and development of learners' skills to manage, space, time and to become exam ready.

The Y10's have been involved in two initiatives this year with, 'Think Reflect Succeed' being delivered at the University of Derby in January where students develop their reflection, research and thinking skills and then the HE & Me group having sessions both in the academy and as part of an up-and-coming trip and tour to the university designed to highlight the benefits of HE, Routes, Career Pathways and rounded off by an Ambassador led campus tour.

Year 9's have embarked on their 'Steps to Success' Journey, the students were exceptional in their effort, commitment and contributions to the intensive course which ran over 5 sessions all in one week. Students explored metacognition, critical thinking, revision, resilience and goal setting.



On the next Personal Development Day, Year 8 will be having two sessions to introduce them to the DANCOP initiative, and they will be learning about Career Sectors and Time Management – we are looking forward to welcoming DANCOP in July.



Y10 students concluded their HE & Me Programme offered by DANCOP with a trip to the University of Derby. Sessions covered widened students' knowledge of university and higher education. Practical skills enabled research of course options and the application processes. The day ended with a Campus Tour to see key areas of the university such as the state-of-the-art Sports Centre, four storey library, NHS Standard Nursing Ward and their Aquatic Research Facility.



Nottingham Trent University

Nottingham Trent University – Academy Engagement

AI-generated content may be incorrect., PictureWe have worked with Nottingham Trent University frequently over the academic year with them offering a selection of assemblies and workshops across several year groups. Y7 was involved in the 'Moving Up' Assembly, Y8 Workshops carried on from their assembly exploring the topic of 'Myths about higher Education' this will also be concluded for some students from Y8 who will be attending the Campus Tour visit on the next PD Day. A double schedule for year 10s from a previous assembly and future workshops to get them engaged with thinking about 'Your Future, Your Choice' and finally our Y11 assembly looked at 'What is Success? GCSE's and beyond'.



Y10 & Y11 - Post 16 Destination Trips

To allow students to make informed decisions about their further education establishments we try to offer trips to local 6th form schools, colleges and training providers as well as those providers attending the careers events we hold in school. This year we were welcomed by St Mary's Catholic High School, Samworth Church Academy, All Saints Catholic Academy, Inspire College and Derbyshire County Council Education Centre, Bolsover; to have tours, visit classes, speak with tutors and current students to gain a greater insight to what each had to offer to shape their future careers paths. Students found the visits engaging and informative and the visits allowed them to ask questions and gauge their preferred Post 16 destination, prior to applications being submitted.



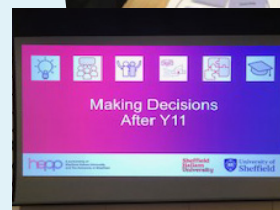
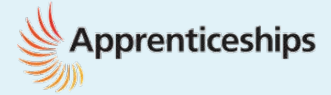
Mansfield Town Football Club Community Trust – Post 16 Session

We had the pleasure of welcoming Mansfield Town FC Community Trust to speak to our Y11s about Post 16 options and courses available with them – students got to find out about the courses offered and then participated in an interactive football session.



National Apprenticeship Week & National Careers Week

Shirebrook Academy participated in various activities to celebrate these two key weeks within the careers calendar. There was a mix of in-house tutor-led delivery along with external visitors to give knowledge and information regarding Apprenticeships and Careers. Thank you to HEPP who continued to work with Y10s on a Post 16 'Decision' strand of their course offer, they also spoke with Y11s during an assembly regarding making decisions after Y11. North Notts College, offered a Y9 Apprenticeship themed assembly and Alonzo from Ask Apprenticeships visited us again to run the Y11 'Search and Apply' session to support Apprenticeship applications.



What's happening during NAW?

Apprenticeship themed PD Lessons for all year groups:
 • Is an Apprenticeship Right for Me?
 • What Comes after School – Main Pathways
 • Preparing for an Apprenticeship or Job Interview

Y11 Assembly – Tuesday 11th February - Delivered by Ask! Apprenticeships
 Y11 Search & Apply Workshops - delivered by Ask! – P4 & P5 Tuesday 11th February – please notify Y11 Team or Mrs Brown if interested.
 Y11 – Post 16 Application Workshops – Apprenticeship focus as part of NAW – with Mrs Brown & Miss Evans - P5 Wednesday 12th February.
 Y9 Assembly – Wednesday 12th February - delivered by North Notts College

- Subject Linked Apprenticeship Opportunities Posters - available in the resource file
- Information Sheets available such as Apprenticeship Levels Explained and A-Z of Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeship Arcade - with online quizzes and games to test your knowledge of Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeship Puzzle Sheets -
- Ask your tutor for the above resources



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025
 10-16 February

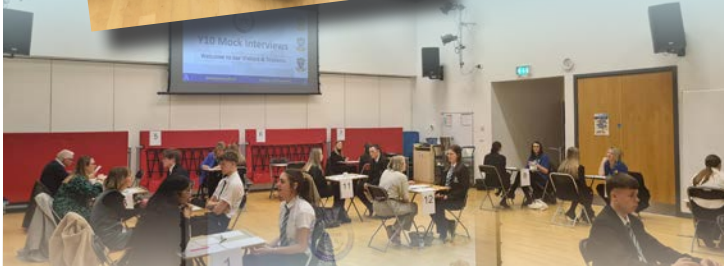
Y10 - Mock Interview Day

We were enormously proud of the Y10 pupils for their efforts during the Mock Interview Day! Students were punctual, polite, and conducted themselves with a professional approach to their interviews. They met with employers from places including Derbyshire County Council, United Cast Bar, Earlybirds Nursery, University of Derby and Chatsworth House.

The employers were extremely impressed with the efforts from the students and enjoyed discussing their career aspirations and giving them tips for future success. Thank you for your time and contribution to make the day as good as it was!

The careers event had positive energy from start to finish and thank you for staff support in helping prepare the students to take part. We were so pleased to see the smiling faces as students left and told us what they had learnt and the pride they had in themselves after their interviews.

Well Done Y10s!



Personal Development Day

A jam packed day saw the school participate in their Spring Term Personal Development Day! Year 7 investigated local employability and careers opportunities with the topic 'Our Town' -with some students exploring out and about and visiting some local businesses for tours and talks. All students also had the Unifrog Careers Platform launched enabling them to access a wealth of careers knowledge.

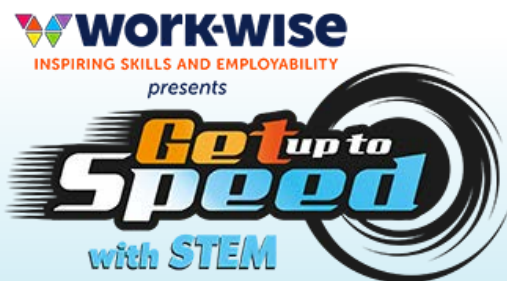
Year 8s focus was on STEM Careers (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) with external visitors from Workwise, Nottingham Trent University and HEPP delivering STEM content. Students also participated in some Army and GCHQ (Intelligence and Security) STEM activities.

Financial Literacy was the topic for Year 9s to delve into – a mix of external, internal and virtual delivery which had students engaged with sessions around mortgages from Lisa at Mortgage 1st, Income and expenditure, Mobile Money, Fraud and savvy shopping delivered virtually by HSBC and West Notts College discussing 'Hidden Roles in Business'.

Talk the Talk! Brought 6 trainers to support all our Y10s and offered the Communication Plus sessions throughout the day. 44% of our students reported that they felt more confident speaking in front of other people by the end of the workshop.

Year 11s looked at the 'Wider World' in preparation for them leaving school, sessions from SV2 regarding Consent, the school nurse discussing Stress, the Elm Foundation delivered sessions on DV and Keeping Safe, Drugs, Alcohol and Spiking was the topic offered by CGL (Change, Grow, Live) and Derbyshire Sexual Health Services made sure student were aware of contraception, this was complimented by an inhouse session around Parenthood.





GUTS (Get up to Speed with STEM) Event

Several Year 9s attended the Get up to Speed with STEM Event at Magna, Rotherham. The event was a superb, highly interactive careers event for students, displaying the best of science, technology, engineering and manufacturing, its employers and employment opportunities in the region.

The event linked the curriculum to real life experiences and explored the diverse range of opportunities and career pathways available in a stimulating, fun and interactive way. As well as access to the Get up to Speed with STEM Showcase areas, the AIR, FIRE & EARTH zones in the main Magna Visitor Attraction were also open for students to explore.



The Access Project – University of Leeds

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Quality in Careers Standards - Careers Mark

Shirebrook Academy is very proud to announce that we have successfully achieved our Platinum Careers Mark Award, meeting the National Quality in Careers Standards through Complete Careers. Some key points from the report include "Learners at Shirebrook Academy overall could evidence a good understanding of career development. Their behaviour and attitudes were impeccable" and "This is an excellent achievement and recognises the quality and breadth of your careers provision".



Year Team News...

Year 7 – You Absolutely Smashed It!

What a year it's been! Year 7, your first year at Shirebrook Academy has been a huge success—and we couldn't be prouder.

Together, you've racked up over 7,000 positive logs this year!

That's not just impressive—it's sensational!

But it doesn't stop there, you've gone above and beyond outside the classroom too. We've got a GB gymnast in our ranks, loads of football champions, passionate horse riders, and students that stepped up to support the community with amazing charity efforts.

You've shown talent, teamwork, and true Shirebrook spirit.

It's been our absolute pleasure to be part of your journey so far. We can't wait to see what the future holds as you continue your adventure with us.

Remember: be the best version of yourself, and success will follow.

Have an amazing summer!

Mr Marsh, Mrs Taylor, and Mrs Wainwright

YEAR 8 & 9

What a year.....

It has been a wonderful year both in and out of school. We have had many achievements to celebrate, both sporting and academically.

As we head into the new academic year in September, Y9 will return as Y10 and embark on their GCSE journey, engaging in their chosen subjects, while Y8 will return as Y9 students with a view to choosing their options in readiness for their GCSE journey.

Have a fabulous summer everyone and let's return in September with the positivity you've had all year.

YEAR 10

This year, Year 10 students have demonstrated strong GCSE readiness, particularly through their commitment to Non-Exam Assessments (NEAs) and their focused approach to trial exams. We have a small number of students who have been attending external alternative provision sessions which has given some students the opportunity to gain skills and qualifications. Many have produced high-quality work across subjects such as Art, and Technology, showing a clear understanding of assessment objectives and the standards expected in KS4. Engagement in trial exams was commendable, with students taking the process seriously and using the experience to identify strengths and areas for improvement. In the lead-up to these assessments, a large number of pupils showed real dedication by attending Period 6 intervention sessions, setting a strong foundation for success in Year 11.

Year 10 has also seen a number of impressive individual and group successes beyond the classroom. Several students have excelled in the Cadet Forces, developing leadership, discipline, and teamwork skills through national-level training and events. Notably, one student achieved the remarkable title of World Champion in Freestyle Boxing, a testament to their dedication, and determination. Sporting success has been widespread, with Year 10 students representing the school in a range of sports including football, netball, and athletics, achieving strong results in both local and regional fixtures. The year group also engaged fully in a range of enriching trips, covering curriculum-linked visits across subjects as well as inspirational careers experiences and university tasters. These opportunities have helped broaden horizons, raise aspirations, and give students valuable insights into future pathways.

Year 10 students also took part in a highly successful work experience programme, gaining valuable insight into a wide range of industries and careers. Placements included roles in education, construction, retail, and creative sectors, with many employers praising our students for their professionalism, enthusiasm, and maturity. The experience not only helped students develop key employability skills such as communication, time management, and problem-solving, but also gave them a clearer sense of their future ambitions.

It was a rewarding and eye-opening week that has left a lasting impact on their motivation and confidence moving into Year 11.



YEAR 11 THE PROM

The long awaited event of the year finally took place on June 20th at Ringwood Hall. Students dressed in their best and joined together to celebrate the end of school life. Congratulations to **Kennedi Darby** and **Enoch Donkor** (our best dressed girl and boy), and **Logan Crew** and **Poppy Shorthose** (our Prom King and Queen).



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Let's get physical - News from PE



Leadership Events

During this summer term, over 15 leadership events have been held, involving a diverse group of students. We have supported primary school events with participants as young as Reception, as well as Year 9 students leading the Year 8 Quadkid competition.

The PE department has provided leadership opportunities to over 50 students this year across a variety of sports, including cricket, netball, rounders, athletics, multisport, Sports Hall Athletics, football, and inclusion boccia, among others.

If you are interested in getting involved, please speak to a member of the PE staff or the Sports Council for further information.

The PE department would like to extend its sincere gratitude to our Young Leaders. Your dedication makes many of our sports events possible.

Year 9 played for the first time in the ACET Summer games competing in a rounders tournament. Both girls and boys teams got off to a great start, with almost every player getting on the score sheet and both teams winning their first game. The girls team then came up against Swinton and once again almost every player scored at least $\frac{1}{2}$ a rounder each and although they had an excellent innings in the field, the game finished as a draw. With the tournament very tight for time the overall standings were decided on total rounders scored in the tournament which pushed the girls team in to second place. The boys team went on to comfortably win their second game putting them proudly at the top of the table and winners of the tournament.

ACET Summer Sports Day



U13 Cricketers



Our Under 13 cricketers recently had their first taste of hard ball cricket when they competed in the District cricket tournament at the John Fretwell Centre. On a warm yet blustery day, the tournament had a pairs format with each team receiving a total of 60 balls bowled by the opposition in each match.

We paired against a very strong opponent in Heritage School first, who boasted a full team of club cricketers and Shirebrook did well to restrict them to a 37 run victory. The second game followed a similar pattern against a strong Tibshelf, eventually losing by 27 runs. The final game saw a comprehensive win against Frederick Gents from South Normanton.

All the students worked really hard and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Well done to Marius Zavurskis, Connor Bowring, Riley Milner, Harley Radsdale, Isaac Phillips,, Jenson Hallam,, Charlie Plastow, Jacob Collier, Carter Calko,, Bobby Smith and Bailey Darrington

Y8 & 9 Bolsover District Rounders Tournament



We entered two teams into the Bolsover District rounders tournament: a Year 8 team and a Year 9 team. Both teams played exceptionally well with rounders being scored left, right and centre. They faced some tough competition but the Year 9 team came out victorious and proudly received their medals.

Well done girls!

Football Festival



14 Year 7 students took part in a football festival in the beautiful May sunshine run by the Bolsover School Sports Partnership and Chesterfield Football club. The festival was aimed at students who haven't previously played in a football team but wanted to give football a go. Students took part in various practices where they could refine their skills before playing a number of friendly games.

All students enjoyed the morning and hopefully it has inspired some of them to try out new activities and maybe join a football club.



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SUMMER FAYRE

TUESDAY | SHIREBROOK
JULY 22 | ACADEMY
3.30pm – 7.00pm



Events include:

Falconry Display • Penalty Shoot Out
Bungee Run • Hook a duck • Disco Dome
Bouncy Castles • Burger Van • Ice Cream Van
Candy Floss • Stalls and much more....

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stay safe

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peak in the summer months.

Avoid these five common summer-related **accidents** and illnesses.



1 sunburn

Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 30+ and reapply every two hours

2 dehydration

Drink plenty of water and avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks

3 burns

Use caution when dealing with flammable liquids, open flames, campfires and even barbecues

4 outdoor injuries

Wear appropriate attire and safety gear during activities like bike riding and hiking; water recreation should be monitored by an adult who knows CPR

5 food poisoning

Don't eat food left out of refrigeration for more than one hour when the temperature is above 90° F

From everyone here at Shirebrook Academy, we wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE KEY DATES
THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR

TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 4 INSET DAY
- 5 INSET DAY for Y8-11 only. Y7 in school
- 8 Back to school (all years)
- 15 Whole school photos
- 17 Y11 Information evening (5-6pm)
- 22 Y11 Thackray Museum
- 23 Y11 Geography trip to Sheffield
- 26 Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 29 Y6 Open Evening
Y11 Trial speaking exams
- 30 Y11 Trial speaking exams

OCTOBER 2025

- 1 Y11 Trial speaking exams
- 2 Y11 Trial speaking exams
Youth Council trip to Pleasley Vale
- 3 Y11 Arts trip to Chatsworth
- 8 Y11 Post 16 / Careers event
- 10 INSET DAY
- 13 INSET DAY
- 14 Y8 Geography trip to Castleton
- 15 Y8 Geography trip to Castleton
- 24 Finish for half-term

NOVEMBER 2025

- 7 Y9 Zoolab
- 20 Inclusion Parents evening
- 21 Children in Need
- 24 Y7 meet your tutor evening
- 26 Ex Y11 Presentation evening
- 27 Y10 Royal Armouries trip

DECEMBER 2025

- 8 Y11 Consultaion evening
Y7 Humanities trip to Shirebrook Church
- 9 KS3 Shirebrook Stars
- 10 Christmas Concert
Rewards Day
Christmas Lunch
- 11 KS4 Shirebrook Stars
- 12 Carols in the marketplace
- 17 Christmas Fayre
- 19 Finish for Christmas (12:30pm close)

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