



# PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

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October is Black History Month so our Thought for the Week reflects this:

**It always seems impossible until it is done**

**Nelson Mandela**

## Number 8 Bus

We have been informed that National Express are putting on an additional service from 11th October. More details as we get them.

## Attendance

A reminder that our attendance reporting system has now changed for **Years 7 - 11** (Year 12 & 13 will continue with their own procedures). There is now a choice of two methods to report pupil absence:

1. Send an email to [attendance@shireoakacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@shireoakacademy.co.uk) detailing the pupil's full name, form and reason for absence, or,
2. Send a text to 07943 823785 detailing the pupil's full name, form and reason for absence.

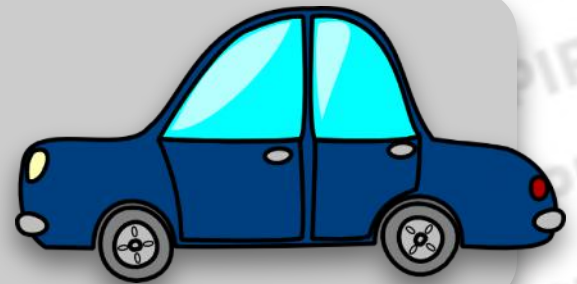
Please do not call the academy reception number to leave a message.

Attendance is one of our main priorities here at Shire Oak Academy, as statistics show that good attendance leads to good attainment. The minimum level of attendance we expect is 96% and we will regularly update parents throughout the academic year. Together, we will ensure that every child's welfare and life opportunities are promoted.

## Parking

Please could parents who are collecting their children be mindful of pedestrians if you are parking half on/off the pavement and of other road users if you park directly opposite another car.

Our neighbours have also politely requested that parents do not park in front of their driveways when dropping off or picking up your child.



## Past Art and Photography Students

Any **past** Year 11 or Year 13 art and photography students can now collect their work from the art department. To do so, please email either Miss Evans or Mrs Collis to arrange a pick up date and time.

[Evans.M@shireoakacademy.co.uk](mailto:Evans.M@shireoakacademy.co.uk) or [Collis.E@shireoakacademy.co.uk](mailto:Collis.E@shireoakacademy.co.uk)

Non students will have to collect the work from the gatehouse on their selected day as access to the department is unavailable. The deadline for work to be collected is November 2nd 2020, otherwise it will be disposed of due to lack of storage space.

## Kindle Winners

Congratulations to our fantastic Kindle winners! These pupils are the best readers in their year groups and have been the most engaged with the Accelerated Reader Programme. Keep up the amazing work! If you're in KS3, this could be you next year! Keep on reading.



Asher Miles and Iman Bhatti (Year 7 Winners) currently in Year 8

Milayna Gosling and Reuben Sledge (Year 8 Winners) currently in Year 9

Chloe Stokes and Jack Humphreys (Year 9 Winners) currently in Year 10

## Black History Month

October is Black History Month. A month to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of black people to society on both a national and international scale. There will be an assembly next week for all year groups with a focus on the Black Lives Matter Movement. Black History Month also links to Article 30 from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Children from minority and indigenous groups. Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of people in the country where they live. Equally, people from the majority have the right to learn about the language, customs and religion of others.

## Anti-Social Behaviour



We have had a report from a resident that some of our students waiting for the 937 bus to Aldridge at 3.25 on Friday afternoon were kicking a ball against the shelter and then running out into the road to collect it. Apparently several cars and some large lorries were using their horns, but the students found that funny!

We have also had a report that a group of approx. 15 boys were stood around swearing, shouting, leaning up cars and being generally abusive.

It has also been noticed by a number of residents that some students are dropping used masks onto the floor as they leave school.

Please could you speak to your children.

# Form Champions

Our Form Champions are the students who have achieved the most house points in their form each week.  
Well done to all.

7F1	Emily Lees	10F1	Jessica Stanesby
7F2	Alaana Steele	10F2	Jack Travis
7F3	Lily Smith	10F3	Aimee Hill
7D1	Reuben Cooper	10F4	Kerys Pickstone
7D2	Jorge Webster	10D1	Jovian Campbell
7D3	Summer Holmes	10D2	Lewis Dim
7N1	Harry Portsmouth	10D3	Daniel Tricklebank
7N2	Ella Sedgwick	10N1	Liam Hubery
7N3	Jordan Ellis-Hume	10N2	Charlotte Stackhouse
8F1	Amelia Peake	10N3	Bradley Browne
8F2	Mollie Taylor	11F1	Harvey Hardware
8F3	Jack Clarke	11F2	Danny Booker
8D1	Will Smith	11F3	Ryan Hubble
8D2	Rowan Goodyear	11D1	Kieran Lloyd
8D3	Daniel Martins	11D2	Millie-Jo Cooper
8N1	Luca Kowalski	11D3	Billy Clarke
8N2	Jessica Turek & Alexander Lindsay	11N1	Jessica Mae Dingle
8N3	Blake Palmer	11N2	Jack Malborn
9F1	Ben Clifton	11N3	Tyler Holland & Taylor Barley
9F2	Alexandra Peat	11R1	Katie Bennett
9F3	Lucy Hollyhead	11R2	Jenson Burley
9D1	Boyd Lessels		
9D2	Olivia Hall		
9D3	Lee Carpenter-Wilkinson		
9N1	Danielle Jackson		
9N2	Luke Cooper		
9N3	Tia Jenkins		



## Work

If you need to isolate due to COVID, please make sure you log on to the classroom as all staff have been told to make sure work for their lessons is on there.

If you're in Year 10 or 11 please join the following classrooms for English revision:

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## Unicef

As Shire Oak is a Unicef Rights Respecting School, we'd like to share Unicef's Article of the Week from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This week it's Article 13: Freedom of expression. Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within law.

## History Mysteries

Thank you so much to the Year 7's that attended the first History Mysteries session this week. It was great to see so many faces and to see everybody having so much fun. It continues next Wednesday in M210 3.10 - 4.30 however, if you need to leave at 4.10 that is fine. See you there!



## Basketball Success

Please click on the image to read the full report

## Communicating with Staff via email

Whilst some of our staff choose to work during the evenings, there is no expectation that emails will be answered outside school hours. If you send an email after 4pm, please do not expect a reply until the following day. We will aim to respond within 24 hours.

## 904 Biology

Huge shout out to my 904 Biology set - you are all working superbly!! Keep up the great work. A special mention to Taylor Davies, Tyler Hackett, Ryandeep Gill, Harry Orton, Joseph Clews-Round and Leo Talbot for their superb contribution in class discussions

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