



PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

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THE MERCIAN TRUST

Thought for the Week

**Decide, Commit,
Succeed**

A Message from the Headteacher

To all our wonderful Shire Oak Students - thank you for welcoming me to your wonderful Academy and being so friendly and polite. I am regularly greeted with a bright smile and it makes my day!

Mrs. Stoddart

The Duke Of Edinburgh Award

Unfortunately all last year's Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions had to be postponed because of Covid-19 but they have been rearranged for next summer, the dates are listed below. Pupils currently doing the Bronze and Silver awards should now concentrate on completing their physical, skill and volunteering sections over the coming few months so awards can be presented to pupils at the end of the summer term. Some pupils may need to change activities because of the current Covid-19 restrictions currently in place but all the 3 sections can be completed at home if necessary. More information about changing activities can be found at www.dofe.org or please contact Mr Hall at Hall.c@shireoakacademy.co.uk for any other queries regarding the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD EXPEDITION DATES 2020-2021

SATURDAY 16TH TILL SUNDAY 17TH MAY CANNOCK CHASE – BRONZE (GROUP 2)

SATURDAY 20TH TILL SUNDAY 21ST JUNE LONG MYND - SILVER (PRACTICE)

SATURDAY 27TH TILL SUNDAY 28TH JUNE CANNOCK CHASE- BRONZE (GROUP 3)

MONDAY 6TH TILL WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY PEAK DISTRICT - SILVER (QUALIFYING)

TUESDAY 14TH TILL WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY CANNOCK CHASE - BRONZE (GROUP 1)

Travel To School

A number of parents have contacted us to let us know that they are experiencing difficulties with the buses to the Academy. If this applies to you, please could we ask that you visit Nxbus.co.uk and go to the relevant section to let them know about any issues you may be having.

Period Poverty

Shire Oak Academy takes full advantage of the government scheme to end period poverty. We have sanitary products available free of charge within the girls PE department. We believe no girl should miss out on their education due to a lack of sanitary products.

Attendance

From **Monday 21 September 2020**, our reporting pupil absence system will change. From this date, there will be a choice of two methods to report pupil absence:

1. Send an email to attendance@shireoakacademy.co.uk detailing the pupil's full name and form, or
2. Send a text to 07943 823785 detailing the pupil's full name and form.

Once notification is received, a member of the Pastoral team will make a follow up call to you. Please do not call the academy reception number to leave a message or contact the Head of Year direct, as this will not be accepted.

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.

The Shire Oak Award

Last year all year 7 pupils were given the opportunity to undertake the Shire Oak Award with the aim of rewarding pupils who achieve certain criteria in attendance, behaviour, house points ASPIRE grades and their wider involvement in academy and community life. Unfortunately the award had to be cut short because of the Covid-19 outbreak but we are still going to award pupils for their efforts up until we went into lockdown. Pupils will find out in the next few weeks from their form tutors if they have managed to achieve a Gold, Silver or Bronze award and will be awarded their respective certificates and badges. (The praise trip unfortunately cannot go ahead this year for award winners because of the current situation and restriction schools have in place because of the virus.) The Shire Oak Award will take place again this year for all pupils in Year 7 and 8 and will commence on October 12th. There will be more information coming out shortly regarding this.

Vaccinations

Apologies for any confusion regarding vaccination consent forms for HPV injections in the previous newsletter. This only applies to our current year 8 students. Please send your completed form to: consent.walsall@nhs.net even if you wish your child to not have the vaccine.

Staff Shout Outs!

A big shout out
753 Science - you have all
settled in so well and working
hard. Well done...Proud of you
all! A special shout out to Declan
Evans-Whiteley for his superb
answers to questions on lab
equipment, to Harrison Brown for
always being so attentive in lessons
& to George Rowley who always
gets on with tasks with a
smile!

Dr Jutla

10s1
Hard work,
determination and
resilience will be the key
to your success. You are
demonstrating all these
qualities. Well done.

Miss Baker

10Fr1
What a fantastic start
to the year with a great
effort from all of you. It is a
pleasure to teach you and I
am looking forward to our
next lessons! Keep up the
hard work!

Mr Bey

13D/El1 & 12A/El1
KS5 English Literature
have got off to an
excellent start. A real joy
to teach both groups.

Mrs Markham-Moore

Year 9
Oh how I have missed
you !! I'm really proud of
you and how well you have
come back wanting to learn
again. Some of the comments,
such as I prefer to learn with a
teacher in front of me instead of
the computer screen. WELL
DONE and keep it up

Mrs Waite

10B1 Child
Development have made
a brilliant start on the
course, they have been
extremely mature with sensitive
content and as a class create an
excellent atmosphere in the
room, they are all a
pleasure to teach!

Miss Day

7D3 have made
an excellent start at
Shire Oak. We have seen
some beautiful reading in
form time and all have
demonstrated a desire to
achieve and do amazing things
during their time here! Keep
it up 7D3!

Miss Day

13B
Psychology super
effort and commitment
to lessons, well done and
keep up the good work.
Good luck for your
mocks!

Mrs Thomas

11R1
You make the role of being a
form tutor an absolute delight, and
for that, I am extremely grateful; I
always look forward to form time! You put
up with my awful jokes, strive and embed
positivity, but most importantly, you
demonstrate teamwork and resilience. It's
lovely to see how you are all getting
recognition in your lessons this year: an
abundance of house points. Let's
get those GCSEs!

Miss Baker

My
year 13
literature class-
it's great to have you
back. Best of luck
with your mocks :D

Miss Taylor

A huge well done to
10D7 Chemistry. You've
made a fantastic start to the
year and I have been SO
impressed by all the hard work
and effort you put into **every**
lesson. You should all be
proud of yourselves.

Dr Boardman

Well done to my
form 8D2 for always
behaving appropriately in
the Science labs and making
me feel so welcome at Shire
Oak Academy! I could not ask
for a better form. Keep up
the fab work.

Miss Newman

Big love to
Year 12 Film
Studies and Year 12
Media who have been so
enthusiastic to start
the year!

Miss Downes

Well done to
my fabulous year
11 (11o2b and 11s2b)
classes! It's so lovely to
be back and working with
you. Keep up your
amazing work!

Miss Taylor

9S1-
my superstars!
It's brilliant seeing
your smiling faces
again! Keep working
super hard. You're all
amazing.

Miss Taylor

12A/El1
A huge well done to our
Yr 12 English Literature class.
They have all produced some
lovely work these first few
lessons and have been so
enthusiastic and positive! I
look forward to our
lessons.

Mrs Kirtland

11C Psychology -
fantastic attitude and
work since coming back
to school. Well done and
keep it up!

Mrs Thomas

9o4 English
- I know you have found the new school day really hard to get used to, but one thing remains the same: your good manners. I am so impressed with how tidy you leave the classroom at the end of each lesson, and how you always say thank you. Thank you to you!

Miss Downes

The Y11
Creative iMedia group are continuing with their excellent efforts in their animation work with Adobe Flash. Keep it up fellas.

Mr Eley

Huge shout out to 11D5 Physics - so proud of you all! Superb work ethic - keep it up!!

Dr Jutla

10s2e- What a lovely group! It's been so lovely getting to know you all. Keep up your hard work!

Miss Taylor

I am so lucky to be blessed with such an amazing group of young people in my form group 7D1. They blow me away every morning with their cheeky smiles, attitude to learning and general respect towards others. I am so proud of each and every one of them for their great start at Shire Oak and cannot wait to continue the year with them. I am so proud!!!

Mr.Holford

Well done for a great start back to 11o2a! Really proud of the hard work and positive energy!

Miss Farrell :)

Great start to the year 11S2!! Absolutely LOVE the enthusiasm! Let's keep up the momentum and have a wonderful year!

Miss Birch :)

Great start to the year for year 12C & 12D Criminology who have been putting in their full effort throughout the course so far. It is a pleasure to teach them in class as they all have an excellent attitude towards learning and get involved when possible! Great job.

Mr Pearson

7F1 have had a fantastic start to their history studies - well done!

Mrs Waters

12D physics have impressed me so far. They have already shown they are prepared to work hard and it's obvious they want to succeed. I'm really looking forward to working with them!

Mrs Faulkner

I would like to say a fantastic well done to Year 13 children's play and development class for completing all their coursework over lockdown and just getting on with it this week. Thank you

Mrs Sanghera :)

Well done 7D2! You have settled into Shire Oak so quickly and you are all doing absolutely amazing!! Thank you for being such a lovely form. Keep up the hard work!

Miss Williams

11C/Bi2. I love this class! I have just taken over their lessons this term and I am so pleased with how well they have settled into year 11. They have put all last terms difficulties behind them and made a fresh start. Well done to you all. I can't wait to see how you get on this year.

Mrs Woodward

Well done to my form 8D1 for always behaving appropriately in the Science labs and for being so polite and helpful to each other. Please keep it up:)

Mrs Sanghera

A huge shout out to 7S4 (Mr Eley's) form. I am so proud of you all and how hard you are working in Science!! What super scientists you all are!! Keep up the great work!!

Dr Jutla

Big shout out to 10D8 Biology and to Mrs Owen for their amazing work!! Superb lesson on Plant Organs & Tissues this week!!! Proud of you!

Year 10 - What a fantastic, mature start to your time in Key Stage 4, you should be very proud of yourselves because I'm certainly very proud of each and every one of you!

Mrs Gannon

The Y10 Creative iMedia group have made a fabulous start to the year.

Mr Eley

11A1 History have been excellent. They have come back to class with a really positive attitude and an eagerness to learn. Well done, and keep it up!

Mrs N Smith

7F1 - another cracking week - enthusiasm and smiling faces in every lesson. Top of the form charts for Praise points, Attendance and Punctuality.

Mr Eley

13A Physics have come back with an obvious drive - apprehensive understandably but willing to work hard at everything I throw at them. Families should be very proud.

Mrs Faulkner