



Shavington Academy



'Together we enjoy, aspire, create and achieve'

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December 2018

Dear parents, pupils and members of the community,

We are nearing the end of term, having conducted a cycle of mock examinations for year 11. We still have a reward trip for year 10 & 11 to the Trafford Centre on Wednesday 19th December and Christmas assemblies to look forward to.

Many thanks for your thoughts on safe cycling to school. We are in liaison with PCSO's so that they can support in managing traffic. We are also looking into a bike ability programme for later in the academic year.

Term ends at 2pm on Friday 21st December, though pupils are welcome to stay in the café until our usual finish time of 3.20pm.

The Spring term begins on Monday 7th January 2019 at our usual time of 8.50am.

May I wish you a very happy Christmas, and thank you once again for your ongoing support.

C White, Headteacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2018

Wednesday 19th

Year 10 & 11
Trafford Centre Reward Trip

Friday 21st

Christmas Jumper
Non-Uniform Day
&
Christmas Holidays
School Closes at 2PM

January 2019

Monday 7th

School re-opens at the usual time

Thursday 10th

Year 9 Parents' Evening
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Monday 14th

Year 11 Group Photo (Reg)

Thursday 10th January 2019
9.00am - 10.00am

Year 10 BTEC Construction Exam
Year 11 BTEC Music Exam

Christmas Lunch

Monday 17th - Thursday 20th December

MENU

Roast Turkey and Stuffing
Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas,
Sprouts and Gravy

Vegetarian Option - Vegetable Bake

Christmas Ice Cream or Mince Pie

Orange or Apple Fruit Cuplet

£2.35 MEAL DEAL



VACANCIES

Casual Examination Invigilators – AAE5132
Term Time Only
£7.85 per hour

Previous experience of working in an educational environment is desirable, but not essential.

Duties will include:

- ◆ Assisting with the checking, preparation and set up of exam rooms, prior to the arrival of pupils
- ◆ Checking the identity of candidates, completing attendance registers and distributing examination papers
- ◆ Supervising candidates in the examination rooms, minimising disruptions and distractions, maintaining examination conditions
- ◆ Assisting candidates as appropriate with additional supplies of paper and stationery
- ◆ Collecting, checking in and maintaining integrity of examination papers at the end of the exam

Please download an application form from the website www.shavington.academy or email recruitment@shavington.academy

Shavington Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The post is subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure

Last Day of Term - Travel Arrangements

School closes at 2pm on Friday 21st December. Please be aware that D&G will not be able to accommodate this earlier collection time, therefore other alternative arrangements will need to be made. Confirmed details for the Barratts service will be communicated in due course, by School Comms.

The school Café will remain open until 3.20pm for any pupils unable to have transport home, due to the earlier finish.

CAREERS EVENT

On 26th November 2018, Mr Wilshaw took a group of year 7 students to the first 'Stock Market Challenge Event' at Congleton Town hall. This was supported by a number of local businesses who supported the students in their tasks for the day. These included Franklyn Financial Management, Thrive Creative and the Skills and Growth company.

The students were asked to develop a brand for a new wealth investment company and were then given £10,000 to invest in a number of companies on a fictional stock market. They had to pay attention to news and other related factors that would impact their investments during the course of the day.

There were two investment cycles and the winners were the company that made the most money from the initial £10,000 stake given at the start of the day. We were delighted with the students on the day as they acted professionally and positively to a brand new challenge. The day was a competition between other local schools and academies from the Cheshire East area. Shavington came second overall in the investment challenge and won the prize on the day for the best branding for their company.



Are you looking for a Christmas or birthday present that will support your child's progress? Do they have dyslexia?

You may want to consider the C-Pen Exam Reader pen scanner. It is a major technological breakthrough for anyone wanting to read English, Spanish, French, Italian and German printed text. The C-Pen Exam Reader is a totally portable, pocket-sized device that reads text aloud with an English, Spanish, French, Italian and German human-like digital voice.

The Exam Reader has been approved by The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ)* for use in exams. For information on exam boards that allow the use of this device in exams, see www.examreader.com. This means students who have reading difficulties such as dyslexia can independently take exams knowing that they can read and understand the questions. No special access arrangements required.

We are trialing the use of scanner pens in school at the moment, to see what their potential is. Pupils can use them in classrooms and exams from year 7 onwards. Pens come with an earpiece, so that text is only heard by the individual.

Pens retail for approximately £230 - please contact gbell@shavington.academy for details.



C-Pen Exam Reader
www.examreader.com

Year 7 & 8 Netball Teams

Wow! What a great season for both teams. Both our year 7 & 8 teams won the league, with year 7 winning their tournament and year 8 coming second. The teams have had an excellent commitment to training since the first week back in September and their progress this year has been outstanding! Keep it up girls – we look forward to next year already!



Year 8 Sponsored Event

Year 8 have completed their sponsored bounce/dance event to raise money for the PE department and the charity MIND. It was great to see the students having fun in their events doing Just Dance and trampolining whilst raising awareness of mental health and MIND. We are very proud of how the year group has come together to raise a total of £500 so far. Keep the sponsor money coming! Thank you to all the local families who have supported this event.

Where the Poppies Grow

When you look in the fields and see the poppies all red
Think of the War
'It'll be over by Christmas'
they said

We waited and waited
as the poppies grew
As time and time went by
It was cold, wet and dark
and time for a brew
All we could see were
stars in the sky

In trenches we sat,
we laughed, we cried,
we talked, we fought,
and then we died.

Remember us now when
you think of the past
The journey we had and
the journey you know
To meet us at last

Where the Poppies grow.
By Jess D, Year 9



Of Mud and Blood

Shells screaming overhead,
images of terror and desolation.
A nightmare existence in mud and blood,
a battlefield without consolation.

Dreams of home and tender days,
abstract memories of love and care –
no place for these in mud and blood,
a world now changed beyond compare.

Comrades here and comrades gone,
youth and strength now lost in fire.
Memories of mud and blood.
Sacrifices upon the wire.

Loyalties to crown and home
demolished now by total war.
Overwhelmed by mud and blood,
the dreams a generation died for.

By Jess H, Year 7

Holocaust Survivor

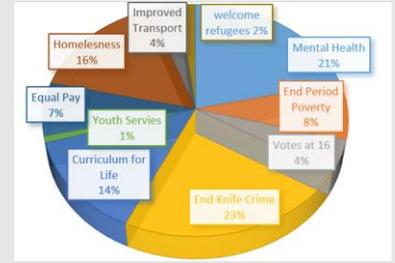
Holocaust survivor Tomi Komoly visited the Academy and shared his testimony with 170 year 9 pupils. Tomi had many fascinating points to make based on his experiences in Nazi controlled Hungary, where he survived life in a ghetto, and then lived through the Hungarian Uprising against Communist rule, before travelling to Britain as a refugee. Pupils showed immense maturity and understanding from their History lessons by asking thoughtful and insightful questions for over 30 minutes at the end.

Tomi's visit was followed by an educator from the Holocaust Educational Trust who facilitated two workshops with History students exploring the complexities of choices made by perpetrators, bystanders and resisters during the Holocaust. The educator praised the high-level of thinking and discussions held by pupils.

Academy Council – Term 1

Youth Parliament Week

The year 9 Academy Council team organised our Youth Parliament week in November where all pupils in school voted for the issue they felt is most important for our Parliament to focus on. (See results table). Dr Kieran Mullan, MP candidate for Crewe and Nantwich, will be coming in to meet with our year 9 team.



Children in Need Non-Uniform

The year 7 Academy Council team organised a cake sale on our non-uniform day. With the generous donation by Mrs Yuill, donations from year 7 pupils and Mrs Slater helping year 7's bake cakes, we raised £121.95. The non-uniform day alone raised £659.33.

Nantwich Foodbank for Christmas Jumper Day

Our school Christmas Jumper day will be on Friday 21st December. Pupils brought in an overwhelming amount of donations on Friday 7th December to go to those in need this Christmas.



Our Main Charities for the year

Lois and Beth in year 10 did a fantastic job representing the charity assemblies to year 7, 8 and 9. The whole school then voted and our chosen charities in order are:

1. Cancer Research
2. Teenage Cancer Trust
3. Mind
4. Guide Dogs
5. The Christie

Extra Languages Session

Recently, a selection of year 8 students who have proven themselves to be successful and keen linguists, attended an extra French session with Mr Smith. Unfortunately, due to numbers, we had to turn down a significant amount of students who wanted to take part.

Therefore, given the success of this session, we have decided to run it again with the students who unfortunately could not attend the first time. A date will be communicated in due course.



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