



SHARING SUCCESS

Shaw Education Trust Newsletter
Friday 2nd December 2016

Great Barr Academy, Birmingham

A very warm welcome to the staff and students of Great Barr Academy who joined Shaw Education Trust on the 1st December. We look forward to working with you all!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Blackfriars FE

Darren M who has voluntarily taken the time to help and support Jamie in mathematics lessons.

Blackfriars, Newcastle

Rachel (class 9) for focusing in English and writing full sentences.

Leon (class 3) for giving a preview of his performance in the Christmas Cracker Concert during whole school assembly.

Coppice

Joseph for being awarded 'man of the match' in the football.

Chloe for supporting visiting students who attended MAT Wednesday.

Jacob for being 58th in the country for under 17 years 10k race – congratulations!

Courtney who is appearing in the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in Northwich.

Walton Hall

Lauren KS4 for consistently making herself heard. She took part in assembly, said her lines clearly and phoned through the school dinner order very clearly.

STAFF GOING THE EXTRA MILE...

Blackfriars FE

Amy C for leading new curriculum opportunities and enrichment activities including the College Choir who will be singing at the opening party of The OAK Priory.

Blackfriars, Newcastle

Julia Beckett for playing a vital part in helping run the Girls Aloud Lunchtime Club.

Ruth O'Connor, Josie Probyn and Tina Davies - with form teachers comprehensively completing their sections of the EHCP transfer paperwork. This has allowed Ruth O'Connor to complete the Cheshire East's EHCPs within a record time!

Walton Hall

Nic Bester, Aimee Johns, Kate McCredie for running the KS4 Additional Needs class and for being supportive colleagues.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Blackfriars FE

Careers Event

14.1 visited Abbey Hill School to find out about all the opportunities available to them once they leave. It was great to see students fully engaging with providers and taking more ownership about the direction in which they want to further their education and employment.

Panto

Rehearsals are well-underway for this year's Panto. Students (and staff) are working tirelessly to make the event just as special as previous years. Remember to book your tickets for either the 7th or 8th December by contacting Morag Dunster on 01782 296300.

Blackfriars, Newcastle

Visit from photographer and film maker

Lee who recently visited the school praised students and staff for their excellent team work whilst he was taking photographs and footage. He really enjoyed the happy atmosphere and boisterous singing.

Btec Work Skills group

Our Btec Work Skills group worked closely with Professional Photographer Tim Hill, to direct some unusual and artistic views of Blackfriars Newcastle. Photo shoots at Walton Hall and The Coppice are already being planned by the group for the new year. Tim enjoyed working with all of the students and was full of praise for his excellent school lunch!

Coppice

Ambrieres-les-Vallees, France

Students had an amazing time in France where they saw the Harbour at Arromanches, visited the D-day landing museum, went to Bayeux and saw the Bayeux tapestry and even tried out baking and language skills in the local boulangerie. And then after all that hard work they went to Disneyland!!!



Saxon Hill

National Memorial Arboretum – poetry competition

A group of 6th form students have won a Hornbeam tree for their entry in the poetry competition. The theme was about the only tree standing following the Battle of Delville Wood during the Battle of the Somme. The group also visited the Arboretum where they decorated some wooden soldiers which were installed in the grounds as part of the 'Art En Masse' project. As a result of the visit, the signed singing group were invited to perform at the Sundown on the Somme event which felt a privilege to be part of.



Walton Hall

Farm Group taste test



This term our Year 8 students have been introduced to the joy of looking after the Degus, which are small rodent-like Animals on the school farm. Following school research by Kaleigh Hallett, the group set about making some tasty degu treats (which are a little bit messy to make!).

Will they or won't they like them?



Tuesday was our Degu treat taste test. Well, they were a huge success. Our Degus loved them and even stole them from each other! Here's to another culinary success and well done to a brilliant Year 8 Farm Group



VACANCIES

Principal at Saxon Hill Academy Leadership Pay Spine L18–L24

Due to the forthcoming retirement we are seeking to appoint an inspiring individual who will share the academy's ethos and aspirations.

Our 96 pupils have a wide range of physical disabilities and complex medical needs and are aged between 2 and 19 years old. We offer overnight short breaks at the residential unit, which has been consistently rated outstanding by Ofsted.

We are a vibrant, thriving school and we are looking for a person who:

- Will put our pupils at the heart of every decision and is dedicated to them achieving awesome outcomes
- Has outstanding leadership and management skills and can bring a proven track record of raising standards and motivating school communities to help us strive for continued excellence
- Is an amazing communicator who is reflective, approachable and has a clear vision for the future of the school

Further details can be found on our web site www.shaw-education.org.uk or contact Jon Thickett on 05143 414892. Closing date 18th January 2017

Jo Morgan CEO, Thought For the Week...

