



Principal's

UPDATE

Sunday 27th November 2022

Dear parent

As we approach the final weeks of term there are a number of events linked to the festive season planned including our Year 7/8 Pantomime trip to the Mayflower Theatre, Christmas Jumper Day and our traditional Xmas Meal. On Saturday our Hub colleagues hosted the second joint Sholing/Mayfield Xmas Fayre, which was extremely well attended, a huge thank you to the team for co-ordinating.

I am also aware however, that this period of the year is difficult for many families with the added pressure from the current cost of living increase. We are offering a number of initiatives to support those affected including expanding our Fairshare food provision and opening the academy library after school as a "warm room" provision, more information to follow.

Sport in the week: 21st-25th November 2022

I would like to say a personal thank you to the staff who have supported the PE department to ensure that the sporting fixtures have increased this term including Mr Grant and Mr Riley. Our basketball team was also well supported by staff who came to cheer on to victory (well at least in one of the games!).

On Tuesday we hosted St George's U16 basketball. A great game, with St George's team having two England Youth players (one of them being 6ft 7 tall!) which really inspired our players and showed the elite standard for their age group. They kept great intensity throughout the game and managed to rack up 30 points against one of the strongest teams in the city, although eventually losing. Dan King showed great athleticism and fitness, and Rodrigo Nunes controlled the temperature well,

The squad included Dan King, Rodrigo Nunes, Nicky Lin, Jack Smith, Rodrigo Saboia and Callum Hutchins, with our top scorer Will Jones- 26, and our Player of the Game: Junior Grant

On Thursday we hosted Mayfield in the U14 with a fantastic bounce back from defeat to St George's two weeks ago, the team were in the lead from the start and scored at least 20 points each half. Ellie Blunt transitioned well and showed a great range of passing, with Freddie and James Humby-Farmer and James Stinchcombe showing great athleticism. Rafa Saboia was on fire in the 4th quarter, scoring 8 consecutive points, but Will Jones stole the show with an accomplished performance on both ends of the floor. The final score 84 Sholing-14 Mayfield.

The squad included Will Jones, Ellie Blunt, James Humby-Farmer, Ethan Smart, Rafa Saboia, Junior Grant, James Stinchcombe, Freddie Buckingham

We also have the following forthcoming fixtures:

Inter-school World Cup 5-a-side tournament:

Year 7 Boys- Tuesdays 30th November 8am-8:30am

Year 7-9 Girls- Tuesday 30th November 3pm-3:30pm

Year 8 Boys- Thursday 2nd December 8am-8:30am

Year 9 Boys- Wednesday 1st December 3pm-3:30pm

Tuesday 30th November

U16 Basketball @ Bitterne Park

Thursday 2nd December

U15 Girls Football @ Mayfield

U14 Basketball @ Wildern

School visitors

We have had a number of visitors to the school site during the past week as part of our personal development programme, which was received really well by our students. Year 10 students had an assembly delivered by the Apprenticeship Service to develop their understanding of routes into apprenticeships. They also had a visit from the St Giles Trust raising awareness of criminal child exploitation and encouraging them to be aware of their own worth. All year groups have had assemblies on the habit of hope - explaining how we as school staff have hope for them for their future and how we are working to help them be the best that they can be. As part of the visit from St Giles Trust Year 8 received awareness training on knife crime and Year 9 on child sexual exploitation.

Aspire Bold Leadership Conference 2022 London



Darcey Jenkins, Grace Burgess and Phoceia Pereira

I am so proud of our students who will be presenting at the international Aspire “Bold Leadership” Conference in London next week. The event is for CEOs and entrepreneurs who have impacted on the world with their organisations. Our students will be the only young adults attending and also presenting. As part of their preparations, they presented to all of our staff on INSET day last week with their G.R.O.W.T.H “Developing the Emotional Intelligence of the Youths of Today”. I will leave the group to explain their idea:

“Hi! We are G.R.O.W.T.H and we are a non-profit mental health organisation dedicated to helping young people with mental health issues based at Oasis Academy Sholing in Southampton, UK. Our Big Idea began when we took part in Solutions for the Planet’s Big Ideas Competition last year. We presented it at the National Final at the Palace of Westminster and have continued to develop it ourselves.

We know that young people struggle greatly with mental health so we are aiming to help them learn what mental health is and how to deal with it from a young age. We teach them different types of mental health issues, multiple ways to help themselves and others through teaching them from a variety of techniques to calm down. We also promote the use of nature, art and exercise as even more ways to help their mental health.”

Staff INSET donations

Thank you again to Sholing staff who were allowed to “dress down” on our INSET day last week in return making a donation to the community Hub including sanitary items and food. I know the Hub appreciated the large amount donated especially as the demand is increasing weekly for provision in the area. Also well done to our Sodexo Team who raised £62.00 during Children in Need.



Event reminder

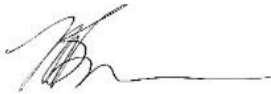
On Wednesday 14th December, as I mentioned above, we will be hosting our annual Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner. Payment for the Christmas Dinner and menu choice will be required by Thursday 1st December and a polite reminder that on the day of the Christmas meal there will be no food service at break time. For the Xmas meal there will continue to be alternatives for those with allergies and a vegetarian option.

Finally watch this space as the Christmas Production Disney Frozen Jr, produced and directed by Mrs Drake, our Head of Drama is taking place on Thursday 8th December and Friday 9th December from 6pm - 8pm – tickets will be on sale soon.

And finally..

We have been contacted by LifeLab, University of Southampton who have an offer for Year 9 and 10 to participate in a "Peer research" project for a small number of students. The project would involve committed time over the course, approximately 9 months, and attendance at monthly development days after school. The team are looking for young people who will be committed to this project, and who have an interest in research and health. This will provide a really excellent opportunity for young people to gain exceptional training in peer research, gaining insights from the academics at the University and finding out more about how our health and our neighbourhoods are linked and contributing to developing solutions to tackle the inequalities raised through this connection. We will discuss this further with Year 9 and 10 next week.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Martin Brown', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Martin Brown
Principal