



13 May 2016



# SHS Life

## The Stourport High School & VI<sup>th</sup> Form College

An Academy and National Teaching & Support School

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### Forthcoming Events:

**21 & 22 May 2016**

Duke of Edinburgh  
Bronze Expedition  
Assessment

**W/c 23 May 2016**

Year 8  
Non-core Examinations

**Examination Crammer  
Timetable & Revision  
Sessions can be accessed  
on our website:**

<http://www.shs.worcs.sch.uk>

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As the examination season begins I have been impressed with the focus of our students. The quality of work exhibited by our A Level Art students this week has been stunning! As a reminder, flexible study arrangements begin for Year 11 and 12 students next week. Revision and subject resources including examination papers are available for all students on Google Drive and the shared area with a detailed revision and crammer timetable in place.

On Wednesday, Year 11 students enjoyed a special final assembly with many photos and memories. The Year 13 final assembly is on Friday 27 May 2016; Year 13 lessons will continue until their subject examinations are completed.

We were delighted to host two members of staff from our French partner school on Thursday and Friday. Plans are in place to develop our partnership with Collège Jean Macé, Villeneuve Le Roi near Paris. A series of activities and events are planned between the two schools including letter writing and video conferencing. In conjunction with the Stourport Twinning Association our aim is to take our students to France in the future and also to host French students.

On Thursday our Year 7 students were involved in Unicef's 'Day of Change', raising awareness of children's rights whilst also raising money for this important charity through a penny chain.

Have a great weekend!

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### Swimming success...

Well done to Abbie Rowley who performed superbly at the recent Regional Swimming Championships, held at the 50m Olympic Pool in Coventry.

Abbie swam in the 15 year old girls category and won a Bronze medal in the 50m Butterfly with a time of 30.78 seconds. In addition, she also won Silver in the 50m Freestyle with a time of 28.54 seconds missing the Gold medal by 5/100<sup>th</sup> of a second! Abbie swims with Wyre Forest Swimming Club and trains for 12 hours a week, including sessions at 6:00am before school. Her success is testimony to her hard work, dedication and commitment. Well done!



**Last Week saw 66 eager Year 8s** in the school hall eagerly creating their own television show pitches. Jayne Greene, from the Royal Television Society, came to us for the second year to run a workshop about exactly what working in the media is like, highlighting the thousands of jobs available just in the West Midlands in television. Students formed their own production companies and then set about designing a television show from the ground up: name; tag line; marketing and even considering the use of social media to engage audiences.

Pitches ran the full range, from a Homedy (horror comedy) through to the harrowing story of a young girl suffering from cancer who finds her true love when all seems lost. The job of judging the 10 excellent television shows fell to Jenny Wilkes, BBC Radio WM presenter and BBC Birmingham's Partnerships Manager; and what a job it was! After a gruelling discussion, both Jenny and Jayne

agreed that Sigma 13's pitch for Gaming Hour would definitely fill a much-needed gap in the market and declared them the winners. Tyler Bruton, Daniel Ellery, James Forty, Aaron Lampitt, Dan Parsons and James Tombs (pictured with Jenny Wilkes) will be attending the grand final, to be held this year at Wolverhampton University, where they are already eagerly anticipating the guided tour of their state-of-the-art games testing lab.



## ★ Stourport High Year 8 Football Team Secure League and Cup Double ★

It has been a sensational season for the boys' football team at Stourport High School. On Wednesday 4 May 2016, a memorable climax to the season was achieved when they won the Wyre Forest District League with a 2-1 win against Baxter College in a 'winner takes all' crunch match.

This league success follows on from winning the Worcestershire County Cup the week before against De Montfort School, Evesham. Student Finlay Prendergast scored a hat-trick on the night although it was a great team performance. Sheer hard work, commitment and determination has led to 18 wins from 19 fixtures and this fantastic run has taken the team to many venues across the Wyre Forest as well as locations further afield including Oswestry, Telford and Walsall. Earlier in the year, the team enjoyed an excellent run in the Schools' National Cup where they reached the last 32 of the out of 680 entries!



PE teacher and Year 8 coach James Baker said "it has been a wonderful season and credit goes to the boys for their commitment and teamwork. I would also like to thank all parents for their continued support. The County Cup final at Evesham Football Club, which Stourport won 3-0 thanks to a hat-trick from Finlay Prendergast, felt like a home game thanks to the support and atmosphere created by the families and parents of the boys. It will take something special to replicate the successes of this season but this has given us the appetite to give it a good go!"



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