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**SHS Life**

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

An Academy and National Teaching & Support School

Mr C King MSC PGCE NPQH - Principal

## Forthcoming Events:

### Years 7 - 10 Examinations

**Week Commencing**

**20 June 2016**

Timetable can be accessed  
via website under  
Key Information/Exam Dates

**22 June 2016**

### Stourport Pyramid Oscars

(Attendance & Special Awards)

Worcester Cathedral

Years 7, 8 & 10

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

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

**Under the 'Support &  
Guidance' Section**

Quote of the Week

**To conquer frustration  
one must remain  
intensely focused on the  
outcome, not the  
obstacles.**

**I am immensely proud** that we have been shortlisted into the Top 5 schools in the West Midlands for the Character Education Awards 2016. An assessor was in school last Friday to look at our provision for Personal Development and commented upon the wonderful range of programmes and interventions on offer to support our students. He was incredibly impressed with the wide range of events and activities as well as with the ethos within the school which enhances the character of our students and prepares for life outside the classroom. We are fully aware as a school that a good academic foundation is essential however so is everything else that takes place in a student's life, often regarded as the informal education or 'soft' skills. Our students are helped to build their character, developing many qualities such as perseverance, grit, optimism and self-control. Our broad curriculum encourages motivation and aspiration, and arouses curiosity which sits firmly in line with our values and ethos.

Some of the events and activities that have taken place throughout the year were assessed last Friday and include the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Sports Leaders Awards, mentoring programmes, College and School Council Leadership, charity work, and Community Ambassadors amongst many others. This week, our Year 12's had a 'Next Step' Day preparing them for university. On Thursday at a UCAS Information Evening, parents/carers were provided with the knowledge to support students as they prepare for life beyond the sixth form.

All students in Years 10 and 12 will be taking part in Work Experience in the coming weeks, which continues to provide excellent 'hands-on' experiences.

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## Top Shot

Athletics meetings in the rain are never much fun yet on Saturday 11 June the wind and rain could not dampen the enthusiasm of a hardy group of SHS students and staff. They were at the Nunnery Wood Sports Centre for the Wyre Forest District Track and Field Qualifiers. There were some good performances from a number of our young athletes however on the day they were pipped at the finish line. All except Georgina Knott, who won the Inter-Girls Shot and

went on to represent Herefordshire & Worcestershire in the Inter-Counties Track and Field Championships.



Good luck, Georgina!



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## Dodge that Ball!

On Friday we played host to 170 Key Stage 2 pupils from 15 different primary schools during a Dodgeball Festival in Stourport Sports Club Dome. The fun event was organised by Miss A Mays from the Wyre Forest School Sport Partnership. Sport Leaders from Year 9 at Bewdley High School and Year 7 at SHS kept score and helped with the rules!



Well done to all the schools who played with commitment and enthusiasm.

## A Very Personal Statement

Year 12 students returned to our VIth Form College this week after completing (most of) their AS Level examinations. They spent the first day participating in advice and guidance sessions including a great talk on how to prepare UCAS Personal Statements from David Maxwell of Aberystwyth University. This is just one example of the extensive support package provided to our VIth Formers when they continue through to Further Education at The Stourport VIth Form College.

## Can You Help?

We are always looking for more local employers to offer Work Experience Placements to our students. If you can help, you will be added to our existing database provided by the Education Business Partnership. One particular area where we are in need of support is in science, where it is virtually impossible to place our keen Year 12 scientists unless they are able to travel quite a distance from Stourport. Other areas where more providers are needed include accounting, banking, financial services, law and sport.

## Students of the Week

**Millie Allen 7Dc**

nominated by Miss A Bidie

**Matthew King 8Sm**

nominated by Mr M Pearson

**Lauren Hickman 9AJ**

nominated by Miss A Jäger-Jones

**Libby Connolly 10EM**

nominated by Miss S Miles

## Photographing the Photographers

Our new website is currently under development, so this week we had two photographers in to capture some shots of life at SHS. In this world of 'selfies' and Instagram, the students were interested to see what goes into producing professional photographs. First the teachers had to arrange for suitable props and equipment, whilst the lighting had to be checked and re-checked. The students were then given their instructions before we could press the shutter. We got some truly wonderful shots and would like to thank all the students who helped with this project.



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