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SHS Life

The Stourport High School & VIth Form College

An Academy and National Teaching & Support School

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Henna tattoos in Hinduism are said to awaken the inner light

Forthcoming Events:

4 July 2016

Year 7 NGRT Examination
9 - 10.30am

5 July 2016

**Worcestershire Schools
Summer Games**

6 July 2016

Visit by Lacon Childe School
to the VIth Form College
10am - 2pm

6 July 2016

Year 11 Prom

Mercure Hotel, Bewdley
Please arrive at 6.30pm

7 July 2016

SCITT Celebration Evening

7 July 2016

Performing Arts Showcase
6pm

It has been a very busy week in school as you might expect at this time of the year. Whilst all examinations were concluded this week we welcomed Year 11 students from SHS and beyond to two days of induction, preparing students for next year with taster lessons and summer super-learning activities.

Congratulations to the PE Department who have achieved the School Games Gold Mark. This is a Government-led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across the school and into the community.



We had students on expedition as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, as well as business studies students at local employers as part of a new initiative called 'Opening the doors of business' World of Work visits. Thank you to Lens-Online (Specsavers), Beakbane and Tooles Transport for their support with our students.

On Thursday 30 June, all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in a World Religion Day delivered through a range of activities including art, music and dance. Our Year 12 students developed a range of super-learning activities plus UCAS registration and writing their personal statements. We also welcomed our new staff for September.

Next week we welcome Year 10 students from Lacon Childe School for a VIth Form Taster Day. It is also our Year 11 Prom, Performing Arts Showcase and SCITT Celebration Evening for our trainee teachers. 56 of our students will be competing in the Worcestershire Summer Games at Bromsgrove School next Tuesday. They will be taking part in athletics and boccia, and leading Change4Life activities. Good luck to our sports leaders and all competitors.

It is also our Year 11 Prom, Performing Arts Showcase and SCITT Celebration Evening for our Newly Qualified Teachers.

As you may be aware, on Tuesday 5 July the teachers union, NUT, is taking industrial action across the country. Whilst we do have a number of staff taking part we plan to operate as normal on this day, however should this change we will of course keep parent/carers informed. From all of us at SHS, have a good weekend!

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Principal

Quote of the Week

**Put your heart, mind
and soul into even your
smallest of acts. This is
the secret of success.**

Swami Sivananda

Congratulations—a new European Champion

Ellis Homer 7GB represented England in the European Karate championships in Germany on 24 and 25 June. Ellis has had a busy twelve months competing successfully in national events leading up to his selection for England. His hard work has certainly paid off as Ellis took the Bronze for his age and weight against fifty other competitors in his category. He is now classed as a **European Champion**. Congratulations to the new Karate Kid!



World Religion Day

As part of SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) Day, all students engaged in a number of activities to improve their knowledge of one of the world's largest religions, Hinduism.

Students learned about Diwali, the Festival of Light, practised Rangoli art patterns in chalk on the playground, learned the Bollywood style of dance in the Dome and designed their own henna tattoos for staff to apply to their hands. All in all, Thursday was a very bright and colourful day!



Bugsy Auditions

It was audition time on Wednesday and Friday for the next school production "Bugsy Malone". Tickets will go on sale in the autumn term. We cannot wait to find out who has been cast in the starring roles of Bugsy, Tallulah, Fat Sam, Blousey and Roxy Robinson.



Community Ambassadors

The ContinU Trust and Safer Wyre Forest Partnership operate the Community Ambassador programme. This year's group of young people will play a part in disseminating some positive messages and useful information about personal safety, citizenship and wellbeing. Some of this year's Community Ambassadors Dan Rees 9Hb, Lewis Coleman 9SC, and Jolie Hackett 9AJ photographed here during their training on Wednesday 29 June at the Wyre Forest District



Students of the Week

Rebecca Senior 7GB
nominated by Mrs G Baxter

Keziah Needham 8KW
nominated by Mr M Pearson

James Gulliver 9Hb
nominated by Mr C Parry

Lucy McLatchy 10PS
nominated by Mr D Heppner

Carnival Time

On Friday 17 June our talented musicians were invited to perform at Lickhill Primary School's Summer Fete with a Rio Carnival and Olympics theme. They continued to play despite the changeable weather!



Junior Mathematics Challenge Success

Year 8 students at SHS have achieved 1 Gold, 6 Silver and 13 Bronze certificates in this year's UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge run by the UK Mathematics Trust .



Over 250,000 students from across the UK sat the Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving Gold Awards, the next 13% Silver and the next 21% Bronze.

William Powell 8KW achieved the best result in the school and a Gold Award. He has taken the follow-on Kangaroo Challenge. We await his result!



A sample question for you all to try:

In a group of 48 children, the ratio of boys to girls is 3:5.

How many boys must join the group to make the ratio of boys to girls 5:3?