

Shene News

For
Pupils & Parents

19th June 2009



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We have a new addition to our Shene News - Student(s) of the Week. Every week, we will be highlighting one or two students whose teachers wish to acknowledge their effort, attitude or work. These students will also appear on the website. Once or twice a term, we hope also to include Teacher of the Term, voted on by his/her peers. Please keep a look out for your child/your child's friend/your friend's child!

We are pulling together lots of articles for our bi-annual Shene Special magazine - this should come out in the summer holiday mailout. Please let us know what you think of it.

We are lucky enough to have been selected for the Aim-Higher project, whose purpose is to promote Higher Education to children who might not otherwise consider university or degree level studies. This is a whole school project, covering all year groups. The idea is that each University selected to work with us is attached to one year group, so after 5 years, the identified students should have seen five different institutions. Year 7s and 8s (approximately 45 in each year) went out this week to two local universities, Kingston and Southampton. The feedback was very positive and gave these students something to aspire to. Thanks are due to Ms Staples, who coordinates the programme, and the Year Leaders who led the groups.

Year 10 have been out all week on Work Experience, with

placements ranging from primary schools to bakeries, from hairdressers to the local council offices. The idea is not so much to work in an area where you might work as an adult, but, rather, to gain an understanding of the world of work and the rights and responsibilities attached to working for a living. Shene students appear to have done very well: one employer told me that the only 'Even better if...' was if the student, Aaron Cummings-Bilson, could have worked for two weeks instead of just one. Our choice of one week underlines our commitment to ensuring students' studies come first: on Wednesday, 56 top set students returned to do their first Maths GCSE exam.

Finally, there are three meetings being held with parent governors and Headteachers of our local Primaries to discuss what they would like from the Academy, which we hope will be in place for September 2010. Recognition was given for the improvements in the school and the students by the primary parents and, especially, the Headteachers, who all commended Shene students who had visited the Primaries for various workshop activities. A particular mention was made of the dancers who visited Darrel Primary and held a workshop for their children who apparently found the event thrilling and very motivating. Many thanks to Ms Fairburn and Anne Marie of Combination Dance for this work, as well as Ms Banks who coordinates everything.

Ms L Kirby
Headteacher

YEAR 7 NEWS

Keep up-to-date with your child's progress.

The opportunity has now come for you to meet the subject teachers of your child.

Shene School will be holding a Parents' Evening for Year 7 Parents on:

Date: 23rd June 09

Time: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Venue: Park Hall

An appointment sheet will be given to each child. To avoid disappointment please arrange an appointment a.s.a.p. Please look out for the Appointment sheets.

Mrs Roach
Year 7 Leader

SPORTS DAY

Results of sports day:

1st	FOXES	273pts
2nd	LIONS	254pts
3rd	DRAGONS	249pts
4th	BULLDOGS	245pts

AGE CHAMPIONS:

Y7 Karimah Tackie
Alex Jurukov

Y8 Claudette Blake
Michael Onuvwigun

Y9 Kadimah Tackie
Robert Moore

Y10 Georgia Baker
Ruslan Thaher

OVERALL CHAMPIONS (Most pts Boys/Girls):

Karimah Tackie
Michael Onuvwigun

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UNIFORM SHOP

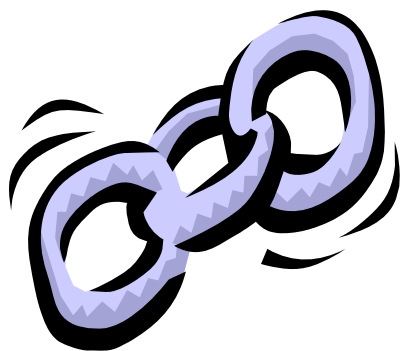
The school uniform shop will be open to all parents on the evening of 23rd June between 5 and 6 p.m. Please enter via Hertford Avenue.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

Shene school has been forging links with some of our local primary schools.

Ms Bowden will be spending three weeks at Barnes Primary working with the Gifted and Talented students on investigative maths tasks.

Ms Booth spent a day this week at Marshgate Primary working with years 4, 5 and 6 on a "Fair trade," exercise.



Also St Mary Magdalen's Primary school are coming in to use our Science Labs to have a chance to participate in some hands-on experiments to help them understand "reversible and irreversible," reactions.

Listen out for any unexpected BANGS !

LOST PROPERTY

There will be a display of lost property outside the medical room on Tuesday 30th June at 2nd Break, 1.20 pm. Please come along and check. There is a lot of school uniform, PE kits and various other items. Parents welcome to come along too.

Ms L Waddington
Welfare

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING NEWS

Shene School Science and Engineering Club goes from strength to strength.

The Science and Engineering Club has recently expanded its horizons with a Science Ambassador volunteering to help organise some of the rocketry activities for next year. We have also joined forces with the Remote Control vehicles shop "Hoverfly" in Wandsworth in designing and building RC vehicles next year.

This year we have looked at explosive chemistry, launched rockets and a team of pupils are currently building two hover boards in preparation for building a full size hovercraft next year.

Due to a high level of interest the Club will be run over two afternoons next year with projects being split between robotics projects and biology and chemistry experiments for Years 7 & 8 and larger engineering projects, such as rocketry and hovercraft for the Year 9's and 10's.

The Year 10's are also currently involved in designing clothing for use by the Science and Engineering Club with our very own logo! We look forward to seeing them being introduced next year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jasmine Ahmet – 11T2 was the only student this year who made it through to the Richmond team for the Middlesex championships. This took place last Tuesday at Barnet Cophall Athletics ground, and she came 2nd in her high jump event which was brilliant.



Well done Jasmine, we are very proud of you.

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