

# Shene News

For  
Pupils & Parents

13th May 2010



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As I am sure parents and carers will realise, we are unable to give much information about the Academy, due to the election and, at the time of writing, no minister has yet signed anything off. We have selected a uniform and a logo, however, and discussions are underway in preparation for next year. As I get information, I will pass it on to parents/carers. We held two very successful Year 6 events in the evening to welcome new parents and children to our community. Ms Blease and a team of students put on a wonderful show and prepared delicious snacks for our visitors, and we were delighted that so many were able to attend and enjoy these.

Year 11s are in their final weeks of schooling before their exams take place. All have been given a double sided sheet of revision tips from Mr Costello with some excellent, simple ideas which will help make revising a little easier. Lots of extra classes run each evening: some students are here late every night, working and revising, which is very heartening. All other Year groups are also in full exam period, and all are scheduled or have already done exams; the results will be sent out at the end of this term. Please do encourage your child to make – and follow – a revision timetable.

The practical parts of exams (Technology, Art, Music, Drama) have already finished and we very much enjoyed the Creative

Arts Showcase which took place last Thursday evening. On Friday, the Art and Technology was displayed in the Art block to be viewed by local primaries. It is shortly to travel to the Sheen Lane Centre.

Finally, please keep a look out for the website, which has been changed recently, and my blog, which keeps you informed of happenings in the school.

**Ms L Kirby**  
**Headteacher**

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## BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



Please pass any second hand books that you no longer want to Ms Bowe, the librarian. You or your child could bring these to the library or the main office. All books gratefully received. Many thanks in advance.

**Ms D Bowe**

## LOST PROPERTY

We have accumulated a huge amount of lost property with items ranging from smart winter coats to shoes, bags, hats etc.

This will all be displayed outside the medical room on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May during second break. Parents are welcome to come along.

**Ms L Waddington**

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## DRAMA NEWS

The year 11 students' final performance exam will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May all day. The students have been working extremely hard to put together their scripted pieces and the work is looking really good. Parents and students were invited to attend the GCSE Showcase on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May to see some of the fantastic work that they have produced.

Year 10 classes completed a workshop with Bounce Theatre to help them gather ideas on a new play called 'The Teenage Monologues'. Bounce Theatre were very impressed by their ideas and even included some of their material in the play. It was also noted that Prince Edward agreed with Shene students that they were not well represented in the media. All of the students involved have been warmly invited to audition for an acting part in the play on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. Good luck to all who audition.

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Other year 10 classes devised and performed a Theatre in Education piece to contrast the lives of the rich and the poor for year 5 students at St Mary Magdalene to complement their learning. It is fair to say that this was enjoyed by the performers as well as the audience and it was great to see year 10s and year 5s playing games together afterwards. Well done to all.

The Year 10 GCSE students have just begun their first exam on Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers'. This is completed during Drama lessons. Please make sure that your child attends all drama lessons.



We would like to wish all the GCSE students good luck in advance. We know they are going to be great!

## Special thanks

We would like to publicly thank Niko Mensah and Josie Hall who have kindly stepped in at the last minute and given up their time to stand in for others in the final year 11 GCSE performance. They have been fantastic and are doing a great job!

## Diploma

The Diploma students have just finished a unit of work on Campaign where they performed a short play called 'Small Change – Big Difference' that they had written themselves about climate change and global warming. This was performed to year 7 students and I am sure that the students would agree that this was incredibly informative as well as entertaining. We hope that they will all be recycling more and not leaving their mobile phones charging overnight.

**Ms C Simms and Mr E Walker**

## CHARITY NEWS

The Beatbully Charity is in school to train up Year 7 pupils to mentor Year 6 when they start in September. Year 10s will also be trained to support the mentors and other younger pupils.

Mrs Warren is running workshops with KS3 pupils to support the mentors who will be buddying up with the new pupil intake.

Shene School sponsors The Beatbullying Charity for all their great work they do with supporting and training up the pupils to be mentors to younger pupils and supporting them with friendship issues and how to manage themselves independently.

**Ms M Warren**

## YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING

The Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 25 May from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm in Park Hall. Your child has been given an appointment sheet and will be responsible for booking appropriate times for you with their subject teachers. Please check with your child that they have done this and bring the form along with you on the night. We look forward to seeing you.

## GERMAN PENFRIENDS

7T1 have started up a penfriend correspondence with a class of pupils from a school in Berlin, Germany. So far all pupils in 7T1 have received letters from their German penfriends, which have included photos of the German pupils, their friends and family and in some cases their pets too! 7T1's replies are just as colourful and full of information about themselves and their interests, and are winging their way to Berlin as the Shene newsletter goes to print. The German families have also invited our pupils to stay with them in Berlin, so maybe next edition there will be news of an upcoming exchange!

**Elie Carbro**  
*Director of Literacy*  
*Shene School*

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