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Newsletter

Spring 2017

You've been framed!

Here at Sheffield Springs, we have been celebrating our students and their achievements by capturing some of their best moments. A professional photographer has taken some wonderful images of our students at work, many of which are now displayed around the academy. To see for yourselves, please take a look at our next parent drop-in session (see the academy website for further details - <http://www.sheffieldspringsacademy.org>.)



In addition to the new photographs, plans are afoot to make further improvements to the learning environment, with staff and students working on a variety of new ideas. Watch this space (and the academy's website) for further details.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16th March (Year 11 parents' evening, 4pm—6:30pm)

Thursday 6th April (last day of term)

Monday 24th April (First day back)

Support at Springs

As well as our ongoing partnership with Sheffield Park Academy, we are working with a number of local education partners to develop the quality of teaching and learning at Sheffield Springs. These partnerships mean that teachers at Springs have more opportunities to research current developments in their subject specialisms and to try out new ideas with their classes. We are also working with several advisors from our Sponsor, United Learning, who have been sharing best practice with us from other schools and academies within the group.

Meet the Senior Team

Mrs Smith

Associate Principal

"I love working at Sheffield Springs Academy. Our students are amazing and have a real hunger to learn. The staff are putting in incredible hours before and after school and even during the holidays to ensure our children get the best possible outcomes. If parents have not already seen the fantastic work going on around school, why not book a tour – we look forward to showing you around!"



Mr Shipman

Head of School

"I have spent all of my career working in three secondary schools in the Sheffield area, with the last four years here at Sheffield Springs Academy. I trained as a PE teacher for two reasons. The first was that I wanted to work with young people and support them throughout their secondary education. The second was because of the influence my PE teacher at school had on me, together with the unlimited support and guidance he provided. He has always been a role model to me and I hope to support students in the same manner. It is a real honour and privilege to work at Sheffield Springs and spend time with our fantastic students on a daily basis."

Ms Harrison

Vice Principal

"I've been at Sheffield Springs Academy for four years. I started out as an English teacher and working with students is still my favourite part of the job. We only really get one chance at our school days and it's a real privilege to be a part of that experience for the fantastic students we have here at Sheffield Springs."



Mrs Cartledge

Assistant Vice Principal

"I have worked at Sheffield Springs Academy for over nine years and actually grew up in the area, so the school is very close to my heart. My favourite part of the job is working with and teaching our fantastic students."

What's Important to us?

At Sheffield Springs we have recently been discussing the things that are important both in school and society. Human Values (sometimes called British Values) such as democracy, freedom, tolerance, respect and the importance of law are areas we have covered on our ACE day, in form times, assemblies and in classes.



Academy Appoints Anti-bullying Ambassadors

The academy has appointed its first ever anti-bullying ambassadors, as part of a national scheme launched in the memory of the late Princess Diana.

The Diana Award was established in 1999 as a lasting legacy to Diana, Princess of Wales' belief that young people have the power to change the world, with a mission to foster, develop and inspire positive change in the lives of young people.

On Tuesday (24th January), a group of our students from Years 8, 9 and 10 stepped up to the challenge, receiving training at Burntwood School in Wandsworth to become qualified anti-bullying ambassadors.

On their return from the training, the group set straight to work, planning a series of positive programmes, under the guidance of teachers Rob Ludlum and Hannah Marsden. Initiatives include; the extension of anti-bullying training for another 60 students, as well as staff; the creation of an 'ambassadors' room' where students can confidentially discuss any issues they may have; dedicated assemblies; the introduction of a 'bully box' on every floor, as well as an e-mail version.



Commenting on the scheme, the academy's Associate Principal Rachel Smith said:

"We are immensely proud of all those students taking part in the scheme - they have behaved in a mature and thoughtful way, are full of ideas about how to help make positive changes to the school environment, and are already looking to implement a new idea every week to help maintain the momentum."

For more information on the Diana Award, please visit: www.diana-award.org.uk

Attendance

Sheffield Springs Academy expects all of its students to achieve 100% attendance during an academic year. We look to our parents/carers and teachers to share the responsibility for ensuring that absence rates at Sheffield Springs Academy are minimised and ask parents/carers that if their child will be absent, to inform the academy for each day that they will be absent, before 10am. Students who do not attend school cannot take advantage of the educational opportunities and rarely achieve their potential.

Attendance and attainment are strongly linked, with a child with an attendance level of below 90% missing over 100 hours of learning over an academic year.

Uniform

Girls - Remember to buy black trousers and not leggings.

Shoes - Black school shoes must be worn by all students at all times.

After School Sports

Sheffield Springs Academy has a full after school programme of sporting activities, including badminton on a Wednesday from 3pm – 4.30pm, which is run by Martin Drabble - ranked in the top 300 players in the world. There are only a couple more spaces left, so do please take advantage of this great opportunity!

DAY	ACTIVITY	STAFF (Lead)
MON	Y9 boys football Snooker (Lunch) Girls football (SUFC)	RR ALA/SSL SUFC
TUES	Primary Events	CM/LINKS
WED	Badminton (Lunch) Badminton Snooker (Lunch) KS3 Cheerleading (Lunch in B17)	ALA/AG ALA/SSL SSL CLH
THUR	Boys Football Snooker (Lunch) Netball/Basketball(Lunch) Netball Climbing/Cycling KS3 Cheerleading (Lunch in B17)	DRO/RL/AS/ALA ALA AG/DRO/SSL AG CM/EF CLH
FRI	BTEC Practical Sport Intervention	ALA/AG/DRO/SSL

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Year 11 trip to Anglesey

From Friday 24th to Sunday 26th March, our Year 11 students will participate in a weekend residential at The Conway Centre, Anglesey. The focus of the weekend will be exam revision for English and Mathematics, in preparation for the summer examinations. This is the second time a group of students and staff will have visited the centre during the current academic year. In between studying, students will also have the opportunity to sample a number of outdoor activities including raft building, mountain biking, high ropes and climbing.

For more information about the visit, please speak to either Mr Shipman or Mrs Cartledge.



Cross Country

This half term, a number of Sheffield Springs students have volunteered at the Primary and Secondary Cross Country events at Norfolk Park. On both occasions, the weather wasn't too good, but those taking part stuck to the task and did a great job – well done to all involved!

Errol Barrows

The Caribbean Sports Club's Errol Barrows has launched a new exercise class for female students at the academy. Running after school on Fridays, the sessions are already proving popular with several Year 9 and 10 students.

Duke of Edinburgh

A number of Year 10 and 11 students have received their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh certificates and badges, with some now participating on the Silver Award. This involves doing voluntary work for six months, learning a new skill and taking part in physical activity. A new group of Year 9 students have also now enrolled on the Bronze Award.

Springs Academy Get Moving!

At Sheffield Springs we have been discussing the link between physical and mental fitness.

Why not join us at Manor Fields at 9am on Saturday 1st April to walk/run 5km? It's a free timed run (Parkrun) you can find details on <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

Anyone who wants to register can sign up, print their bar code and join Springs Get Moving!

Thank you!

A special Sheffield Springs Academy 'Thank You' goes out to Craig Malkin (pictured, right), who is a fantastic advocate and supporter of our students. Craig organises many activities for our students and is much respected by staff and students alike.



Swimming

A group of Year 11 female students have been taking part in a series of swimming lessons as part of the 'This Girl Can' campaign. The sessions, held at Springs Leisure Centre, have proved a real hit with all those taking part.

Mr C. Dillon - Executive Principal

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